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CONSCRIPTION NOW ASSURED FACT SINCE
HOUSE VOTED OUT VOLUNTEER AMENDMENTS

Miss Rankin, and Champ Clark were Among Those Who Voted
for the Volunteer Amendments, While Republican
Leader Mann Sided with the Advocates of
the Administration Measure.

RUSSIAN DESERTION
NOW THING OF PAST

FROM MILLION A YEAR DESER-
TIONS NOW PRACTICALLY
CEASED SINCE THE
REVOLUTION.

By Associated Press.

Petrograd, April 28.—While deser-
tions from the Russian army under
the old regime totalled one million
yearly, they have practically ceased
since the revolution put the people in
power and now the old deserters are
coming back voluntarily to save the
country, Minister of Justice Kerensky
told the Associated Press today. "The
army is now stronger than ever
before," he said.

To Discuss Peace Prospects.

London, April 28.—A Central News
despatch says that Premier Herling
of Bavaria is going to Vienna to dis-
cuss peace prospects with the Aus-
trian cabinet.

Another British Thrust.

London, April 28.—Another forward
thrust of the British in France was
announced today by the war office.
They have opened an attack along
several miles of front north of the
Scarpe river and are making good
progress in the face of considerable
opposition. "Fighting continues,"
says the official announcement.

Trys to Enlarge Wedge.

London, April 28.—General Haig is
now fighting to enlarge the wedge in
the German line at Gavrelle. The
British are reported to have ad-
vanced more than a mile as far as
Carleaux and Oppy, but definite pos-
session of these villages has not been
established.

French Captures Heavy.

Paris, April 28.—The French count
of prisoners and booty taken in the
recent fighting show that they cap-
tured 20,780 men, 412 machine guns,
119 trench guns and 175 cannon.
Heavy artillery fighting on the
French front continues.

INTERNATIONAL BAHAI CON-
GRESS.

Boston, Mass., April 28.—Coming
it does at a time when nearly all the
nations of the earth are engaged in
strife and turmoil, the International
Bahai Congress which assembles in
Boston tomorrow is regarded as an
event of more than ordinary signifi-
cance. Delegates from many parts of
the United States and from other
country have arrived in the city to
attend the sessions, which continue
three or four days. The delegates re-
present the sectional organizations of
Bahais, or the disciples of Abdul
Baha, who have as their ultimate aim
the spiritual unification of all man-
kind. In addition to considering the
principles advocated by its members,
the congress will devote much of its
time to furthering the building of the
great Bahai Temple, which it is plan-
ned to erect near Chicago.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Gippy?

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bronchial affections. At your drug-
gist, 50c.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 28.—Passage of
the administration selective conscrip-
tion bill was assured today when the
house voted 279 to 98 to throw out
the volunteer amendments inserted
by a majority of the house military
committee over the protest of Presi-
dent Wilson and the war college.

Miss Jeannette Rankin, the Mon-
tana member, voted for the volunteer
amendments, as did Speaker Clark
and Chairman Padgett of the naval
committee. Republican Leader Mann
voted for the conscription.

Guatemala Severs Relations.

Washington, April 28.—Guatemala
has severed diplomatic relations with
Germany and handed the German
minister his passports.

Teddy Would Prohibit It.

Chicago, April 28.—Col. Theodore
Roosevelt delivered his first war
speech here today, urging that the
use of grain in liquor manufacture be
prohibited during the war.

No Liquor to Uniformed Men.

Washington, April 28.—The senate
today adopted a drastic amendment
to the army bill making it unlawful
to sell or give any liquor, wine or
beer to any officer or man in uni-
form.

Good Percentage Secured.

San Antonio, Texas, April 28.—One
thousand of the 5,000 men desired for
reserve officers' training camps in
the Southern department have been
secured.

SAYS SPANNELL DID RIGHT.

By Associated Press.
Coleman, Texas, April 28.—John
Buchart, farmer, J. G. McNary, bank-
er, and S. A. Hargrove, all of Mission,
testified at the Spannell trial today
that Colonel Butler's reputation re-
garding women was very bad. Buch-
art said he thought Spannell did
right in killing Butler.

BISHOP OLMSTED 75 YEARS OLD.

Utica, N. Y., April 28.—Rt. Rev.
Charles T. Olmsted, Episcopal bishop
of Central New York, was a recipient
of many messages of greeting today
on the occasion of his 75th birthday
anniversary. Bishop Olmsted is a
native of Cohoes and was ordained a
priest of the Protestant Episcopal
church in 1868. He was consecrated
bishop coadjutor of the Central New
York diocese in 1902 and became
bishop two years later.

BIG BOAT FOR COAST PATROL.

Bristol, R. I., April 28.—One of the
largest of the new power boats build-
ing for coast patrol service was made
ready for launching today at the
Herreshoff yard. The boat is a 110-
foot steel craft and is being built for
Alfred I. DuPont of Wilmington, Del.
It will be the first steel power craft,
built on Government specifications,
launched in this country. The boat
will have steam for power with oil
for fuel and will have a guaranteed
speed of twenty-seven miles an hour.

KENTUCKY RACING SEASON
OPENS.

Lexington, Ky., April 28.—Lexing-
ton is filled with horse owners,
trainers and other followers of the
turf, while at the track of the Ken-
tucky Racing Association are quarter-
ed over 500 of the speediest horses
in the country, all here for the open-
ing of the association race meeting
this afternoon. The meeting will
mark the inauguration of the annual
Spring racing season of the Kentucky
tracks. The local meeting will con-
tinue eleven days, with races every
day of the week excepting Sunday.
The Lexington meeting will be fol-
lowed in turn by the Spring meetings
at Churchill Downs, Douglas Park
and Latonia, which will carry the
season through to July 4.

STORM DAMAGE WAS
HEAVY LAST NIGHT

LOSS OF \$200,000 HOWEVER IS
MORE THAN OFFSET BY
THE BENEFIT TO
THE CROPS.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Tex., April 28.—The storm
damage last night at Corsicana, Den-
son and Gainesville, where a 55,000-
barrel crude oil tank was fired by
lightning, was big and estimates to-
day are that the losses in North and
East Texas will total \$200,000, more
than offset, however, by the crop
benefits. Lightning killed William
Plexco, a farmer, near Sadler.

NO MORE FUTURES.

By Associated Press.

Winnipeg, Man., April 28.—The
local grain exchange today put the
ban on future tradings without the
sanctioning of the censoring com-
mittee.

May Wheat Higher.

Chicago, April 28.—May wheat
reached \$2.75 today.

TERRIBLE MINE DISASTER.

By Associated Press.

Trinidad, Colo., April 28.—A rescue
crew have taken 15 dead bodies from
the Hastings mine of the Victor
American Fuel Company. Yesterday's
explosion trapped 1,019, and it is
feared that all perished.

BELIEVES IN PRACTICING
ECONOMY.

Chicago, Ill., April 28.—Following
a policy of "practicing what it
preaches," the Chicago Association
of Commerce has indefinitely pos-
tponed its annual foreign trade din-
ner, which was to have been held to-
night, as "a step in the economy pro-
gram."

WAR HASTENS WEDDING.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—
Washington society comprising what
is known as "the military set" was
interested today in the wedding of
Miss Dorothy Dana Aleshire, daugh-
ter of the former Quartermaster
General of the army and Mrs. James
B. Aleshire, and Ensign Alexander
Gleicher Match, U. S. N. A number
of prominent officers of the army and
navy, with members of their families,
attended the marriage ceremony,
which took place this afternoon at
the home of the bride's parents, fol-
lowed by a large reception at Rauscher's.
The wedding was originally fixed
to take place in June, but the
date was advanced because of the
war.

RETREATING TO VICTORY.

An intoxicated man hailed a cab.
After he had climbed in, the cabbie
leaned over and asked, "What street
do you want?"
"What streets have you?" he in-
quired.
"Lots of 'em," smiled the cabbie,
humoring him.
"Gimme 'em all," he said, waving
his arm grandly.
After they had been driving for
several hours, the man in the cab or-
dered a stop.
"How much do I owe you?"
"Seven dollars and fifty cents."
"Well—you better drive back till
you get to thirty-fi' shents, 'cause
thashall I got."—Illinois Siren.

STATEMENT OF THE
LAREDO NATIONAL BANK
LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, March 5, 1917, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$1,156,346.50	Capital Stock.....\$ 200,000.00
Bank Building, Furniture and Fixtures..... 55,000.00	Surplus Fund..... 50,000.00
United States Bonds..... 195,000.00	Undivided Profits, net..... 122,734.17
Other Bonds and Securities..... 20,981.18	Circulation..... 148,300.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank..... 7,500.00	Deposits..... 1,314,923.98
Cash and Exchange..... 431,130.47	
Total.....\$1,835,958.15	Total.....\$1,835,958.15

J. K. BERETTA, President.
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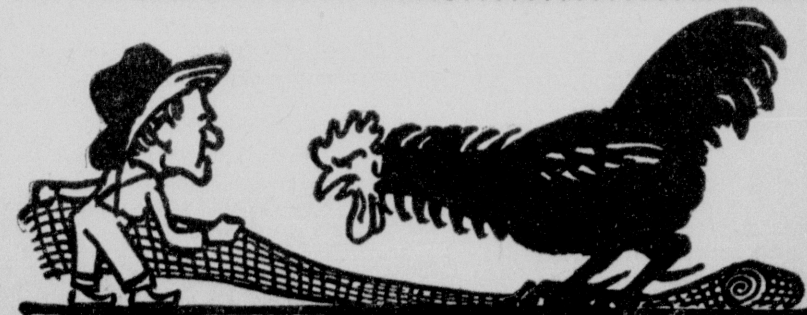
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Alice Brady in "THE DANCER'S PERIL," with Alexis Kosloff of
the Russian Imperial Ballet. Miss Brady appears as the star of the
Russian ballet.

Sam Bernard in "THE GREAT PEARL TANGLE," Triangle Key-
stone comedy in two parts.
Admission 10c.

Tomorrow: Special Sunday Program.

WHAT BOY SCOUTS WILL DO.

Amongst the duties laid down for the Boy Scouts of America during the war are the following:

First, the Department of Agriculture and the Council of National Defense. To co-operate in the extension and development of home gardens, under the slogan, "Every Scout to feed a soldier."

Second, the American Red Cross. To co-operate with the Red Cross through its local chapters in meeting their responsibilities occasioned by the state of war.

Third, the Navy Department. To co-operate with the Navy Department in organizing an Emergency Coast Patrol along the seacoast towns.

To these might be added one for which the Boy Scouts of Laredo are peculiarly adapted, to-wit: To form an emergency patrol of the border in case of future trouble with the Mexican de facto government.

It is declared that the Boy Scouts of America now number 210,000 boys and 58,000 men. This of itself is a greater force than our regular army, and only for the fact that the Boy Scouts are not a military organization, a great many of them might already be in the field.

The people of Laredo are beginning to see the value of this great national movement, and they have promised their hearty co-operation with the Boy Scouts of this city in at least one of their activities—that of extending and developing home gardens.

Already several citizens have offered their vacant lots to the Boy Scouts; a philanthropic citizen has promised all the seeds they need, and it is hoped that an arrangement may be entered into by which the Scouts will get all the water they need for irrigation purposes.

Several plots of ground have already been secured, and as soon as their school duties will permit the local troop will get actively to work in planting and cultivating the gardens.

Already the Boy Scouts have shown the Laredo people that they are a useful organization. They have helped in public celebrations, they have aided the Red Cross in its campaign for funds, they have shown the courtesy and the good-nature which are characteristics of all true Scouts, and they have merited the approval and the co-operation of every citizen of Laredo.

In days to come the Scouts will justify their existence, of that there can be no doubt. They are being well trained, and their Scout Master deserves a great deal of credit for the success he has met with in developing these boys from the raw material.

Courtesy and a helping hand are demanded from all Scouts. The boys of Laredo, of course, are no different from other boys in this respect, but we are glad to see that they are equal to the best elsewhere.

Soon school will be out for the long vacation, and during the summer months the Boy Scouts will give up many a pleasure in order to do what they recognize as their duty. They will destroy battalions of weeds and flying squadrons of noxious insects, and the result will be the aid of our country to withstand the effects of a great war.

They may not have to meet the armed foe on the field of battle, but their work will be just as productive of good to the general public as though they handled machine guns instead of insect exterminators, and no saber could do as useful execution as the hoe when wielded by an active and energetic Scout against the hosts of General Neglect.

Even though the home gardens should not produce a record crop, just thing of the benefit to the community when the eyesores of vacant lots are cleaned up and tilled in straight rows. The carts which will carry away the rubbish and the old tin cans will be as useful to the public as the ambulances behind the first line of battle, and the results will be pleasing to the eye, gratifying to the palate and productive of much improvement in the health of the active little workers.

THE RED CROSS

Whether or not conscription is adopted as the system to increase our forces to the required number, there is one organization which is as necessary as the army, and which will always be volunteer in its system. The Red Cross wants every American to help in the raising of funds, the making of necessary supplies and the other activities of this great auxiliary to the army and navy, and it asks all who are able to help to come forward and volunteer their services.

During the short year of existence of the Laredo Chapter it has justified its being by much hard work, by a success that has surpassed all expectations, and by an interest which it has aroused on the part of even the most indifferent.

The local chapter now has a fund that will permit it to do much valuable work, and while it has had on several occasions to explain that it was not enlisting untrained young women to act as nurses on the battlefield, or to soothe the dying moments of wounded heroes in the hospitals, it needs the earnest co-operation of all who are willing to work.

During the coming summer there

will be great opportunities for the women, as well as the men, of Laredo to help in this important work. The chapter numbers over 300 members, yet there are many more who are eligible and who have not yet come forward with their application fee.

Of every annual membership fee of \$1, one-half is sent to the national organization in Washington, the remainder being used by the local chapter for its necessary work.

The sewing circles were very busily employed last summer and fall, when there was no certainty of war, and they furnished equipment for several patients in the base hospitals. Now that we are actually in war, although as yet most of us do not seem to realize it, there will be more work than ever for the members.

A great many of our Laredo people seem to have adopted the old slogan of "Let the women do the work," although there are many ways in which the men may take a hand. The Jamaica last summer was almost entirely the work of the women members and their friends, though the men did come out and spend a few nickels.

During the continuance of the present war there will be demand for much more in the way of hospital supplies. If the men are too busy to attend meetings, let them send their proxy in the way of a few welcome dollars. There are men who have done even more than could be expected of them, while there are others who so far have done very little.

It is estimated that the Red Cross base hospitals, equipped and manned by funds donated by even such small communities as Laredo, are now prepared to handle the sick and wounded of an army of a million men. But there will always be a demand for hospital supplies, and what the women of Laredo have made and sent in will help to handle several surgical cases in case of need.

The meeting to be held Monday night at Elks Hall is a general meeting of the Chapter. It is not confined to committees and officers. It is for all the members, those who would like to be members and those who ought to be members but are too indifferent to take the first step.

We have not yet begun to realize the necessity for Red Cross work. Thanks to Divine Providence, we have never had a great calamity to arouse us to the needs of suffering people. The active fighting has not yet begun, although any day may bring the news of a sea-fight between our naval vessels and those of Germany. So far we merely read the headlines in the papers and say: "Thank God it has not begun," forgetting that the war is an actuality, even though the only hostilities up to date have been the interchange of defiance.

It is not given to all to fire at the enemy; those who remain at home may help to hold up the hands of those who go.

A news note says that the American schooner "Percy Birdsall" has been submerged. How rude! And where was Clarence all the time?

No, Maude, you are perfectly right in saying that it was not the "Titanic" which was sunk by a submarine; it was the Lusitania. So you are justified in wondering why they are calling the present war the "Titanic" struggle.

May Day in this country is noted for two things: It is moving day and general housecleaning day. So there is some reason for the day being selected for the general strike in Germany. It may be moving day for the Hohenzollern family, and general clean-up day for the bureaucracy.

The Austrian parliament, which has not met before since the beginning of the war, is now convoked. Just fancy this country being in such a mix-up and no session of congress!

HE DIED FOR THE UNION.

Sergeant—"Ey there! Where are you going?"

The Absent-minded Beggar (who had climbed out the trench)—"O! Jiminy! When that bloomin' shell wistled over-ead Hi that it was twelve o'clock."—Nebraska Awgwan.

EIGHTY-FIVE CARLOADS ONIONS.

Shipped Out of Laredo Last Night; Total Shipments of Onions to Date Aggregate 1,420 Carloads.

Notwithstanding an effort is being made to hold shipments of onions down to a minimum until prices advance again, there were eighty-five carloads, or four special trainloads of onions shipped out of Laredo last night at the price paid growers under prevailing prices. However, it is predicted that from this time on, or until the market improves, shipments will diminish.

With the latest shipments the total number of carloads of Bermuda onions shipped from here so far this season now aggregate 1,420 cars, and it is estimated that there are fully one thousand more carloads to be shipped. The big decline in the market quotations following a most encouraging market has somewhat discouraged the onion growers, but they are hoping for a recuperation of the market within a few days.

ENCOURAGES HOME GARDENING.

City Council of Corpus Christi to Furnish Water Free to Those Who Plant Home Gardens.

To show how home gardening is being encouraged in Corpus Christi to assist in relieving the food situation that will soon exist, the following item may interest Laredo people and some inducement may be made here by the water company along lines of making special rates to water users:

To encourage residents of the city in planting home gardens, Mayor Miller yesterday announced that the City Council has decided to furnish water for such purposes free of all cost, and the same offer also applies to those who desire to plant vegetables in vacant lots.

Water consumers who desire to take advantage of the offer will notify the Waterworks Commissioner and will be required to sign an agreement to plant a home garden. He will then be given a maximum flat rate under which he will be permitted to use all of the water that the garden may require. This rate will be the average of the consumers' water bills for the past four months. In other words, residents can use all of the water that they desire without paying any more money than they are now spending for regular domestic consumption.

Water for vacant lots will be supplied at a flat rate of \$1 a month, regardless of the size of the lot or garden.

To Property Owners.

All of those property owners, whom I have not been able to reach will please call at my office in the County Court house and render their assessments, as you have only this month in which to render your State and County assessments.

B. J. LEYENDECKER,
Webb County Tax Assessor.
4-14-15t.

LAREDO BOYS TO JOIN MARINES.

Several Young Men Contemplating Enlisting With Uncle Sam's Fighting Force Aboard Battleships.

Several Laredo young men, inspired by the spirit of patriotism and a desire to serve their country at the first opportunity, are contemplating joining the navy, the marine corps or the army, but the favorite arm of the service appears to be the marine corps—the soldiers aboard a warship who are the landing forces when Uncle Sam decides to place armed forces on foreign soil. The marine corps is somewhat similar to the army, except that they are the soldiers aboard a warship who are first landed on foreign soil.

Two young men of Laredo, Gus Becker, Jr., and Thomas Savay, yesterday made application to the marine corps recruiting station at Corpus Christi for enlistment in the service. In addition to them there are several other young men planning to leave with them when they report for examination.

Red Cross Notice.

A special meeting of the Red Cross will be held at Elks Hall at 8 o'clock Monday evening. All members are urgently requested to be present, as well as all who would like to become members and those who are interested in the Red Cross work.

DR. H. M. AUSTIN, Chairman.
4-27-3t.

HEAVY EXPORTS RECORDED.

While Exports to Mexico Through Laredo Customs District in Feb'y. Heavy, March Record-Breaker.

The exportations through the Laredo customs district into Mexico have been gradually increasing during the past two months, and according to the report issued of business transacted in this line through the Laredo district during the month of March the valuation is more than a million and a quarter dollars.

The exportations through this customs district, which includes the port of Brownsville, for the month of February comprised a total valuation of domestic exports, \$855,417; foreign, \$15,203; or a grand total valuation of \$870,620. But this was comparatively small to that of the month of March, which consisted of domestic exports, \$1,239,501; foreign exports, \$26,933, or a grand total of all exports of valuation of \$1,266,434.

Constipation and Indigestion.

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

SEVEN MORE BILLS INDICTMENT

District Court Grand Jury Still in Session and Have So Far Returned Thirty-four Indictment.

In addition to the twenty-seven indictments which they had returned up to yesterday morning, the grand jury in district court this morning turned in seven more bills. This makes a total of thirty-four bills returned up to this time, and the grand jury is still in session. Two of the parties against whom bills of indictment were returned this morning have not been arrested yet, but those in jail are: Cecilio Barrera, theft under \$50; Jose Barragan, theft under \$50; Charles R. Hester, (two bills), swindling under \$50.

Of the eleven indictments returned yesterday, the following, not mentioned because parties were not in custody, have since been arrested: Indalecio Garcia, abandonment after seduction and marriage; Santiago Garcia, theft under \$50; Mariano Garcia, theft under \$50; Manuel Martinez, theft under \$50; Guillermo Guerra, aggravated assault.

No business was transacted in court yesterday afternoon. In referring to a civil case disposed of a day or two ago, that of John Armengol vs. the Brown Grain Co., the Times reported that judgment was rendered for defendant when it should have read "judgment for plaintiff."

RECRUITING STATION HERE.

Special Officer Appointed Has Not Arrived, But Regular Station Maintained at Fort McIntosh.

While the special officer designated by the war department to open a recruiting station for the army in Laredo has failed to arrive here, nevertheless a recruiting station is maintained here at Fort McIntosh where young men desiring to enter any branch of the United States army for the term of the war only, and being discharged when peace is restored, can enlist.

The recruiting station at Fort McIntosh is in charge of Captain Ferenbaugh of the medical corps, and any young man of Laredo or elsewhere desirous of entering the army for service during the war with Germany can do so by applying to Captain Ferenbaugh, who will gladly furnish him with any information relative to what is expected of him, the work of the various branches of the service and whatever else he wants to know before enlisting as a fighting man of Uncle Sam.

WILL BE MADE TWO STORIES.

Little Building at Corner Convent Avenue and Farragut Street Will be Two Instead of One Story.

The substantial reinforced concrete building which M. Little is having erected at the corner of Convent Avenue and Farragut street for the gent's furnishings emporium to be opened by Mr. Forsek, is to be a two-story structure instead of a one-story, as called for in the original contract with the construction contractors, L. B. Jambers & Co. This building has a foundation and walls capable of accommodating a five-story building.

Since Mr. Forsek realized that in order to conduct a modern and up-to-date furnishings goods house and carry a large assortment of goods he would need another floor in addition to the lower floor, and so he arranged with Mr. Little to add the second story as construction work proceeded and now Contractor Jambers will proceed with work according to the supplemental contract. With this and the new Kress building covering the entire front of Convent Avenue from Hidalgo to Farragut street, there will be a great improvement made in this portion of the Laredo business district, expanding that quarter considerably and enhancing the value of property thereabouts.

ANOTHER TRAIN FIRED INTO.

Bandits Near Gonzales Attack Train Enroute Mexico City, Killing Several Soldiers and passengers.

According to information reaching Laredo yesterday afternoon brought by passengers from Mexico, another gang of bandits in the vicinity of Gonzales attempted a holdup of a passenger train, but only succeeded in killing about ten of the passengers and soldiers aboard, as the train did not stop.

The train was northbound from Mexico City to Queretaro and had just left Gonzales when bandits ambushed nearby opened fire on it, killing about ten soldiers and passengers who sat near the windows in the coaches and wounding several others. The train proceeded on its way southward, running the gauntlet of the volleys of shots from bandits on each side of the track.

Can Be a Hero at Home.

Anyway, perhaps the woman who soulfully sobbed that she didn't raise her boy to be a soldier will not become too indignant when it is suggested that he get busy flitting with the dirt in an effort to help feed the boys who will do the first line soldier work.—Port Arthur News.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Joe Moser, who has been confined to his room with illness since Sunday, was able to be up and about today, though not fully recovered from his illness.

—The importations through this port from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of one carload of skins, two carloads of hides and one carload of lead bars.

—One new locomotive and a long string of freight cars, purchased from an eastern railway concern in this country by a big mining corporation of Mexico, passed through Laredo this morning. The locomotive and rolling stock arrived here yesterday.

—The Boy Scouts are preparing to engage in the crop-raising propaganda for the conserving of the food products of the country in keeping with the recommendations of President Wilson. The "farms" will be located on the Heights and each Boy Scout will be allotted a certain plot of land to cultivate.

—Don't fail to see Mary Pickford in "Such a Little Queen" at the Strand Theater today. This picture has been endorsed by the Child's Welfare League of Laredo.

—A special train arrived in Laredo last night at 9:15 o'clock, being loaded with recruits coming to this city for assignment to the different military commands here.

—At this time the Webb county jail appears to be one of the most "popular" places in town, for, according to the jailor, there were fifty-eight prisoners within the walls of that place this morning. This was increased during the day by the addition of others arrested after their indictment on charges returned by the grand jury.

—The non-commissioned officers attending the officers training camp in the northern part of the city are down to hard work daily now learning all that is necessary to make them eligible to become reserve corps officers.

—While the special recruiting station has not been established here so far as known, those who desire to enlist in the army for service "for the term of war only," can do so by calling on Captain Ferenbaugh, in charge of the medical corps at Fort McIntosh.

—Rent houses are still very much in demand in Laredo, even at the high rents being demanded by owners of those rented. If some one with a lot of spare capital would build a few four or five-room houses he could get excellent returns on his money. Build more rent houses.

* THIS DATE IN HISTORY *

APRIL 27

1667—Milton sold Paradise Lost for five pounds (\$25.)

1791—S. F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, born at Charlestown, Mass.; died April 2, 1872.

1803—Toussaint L'Ouverture, mulatto chieftain and dictator of Santo Domingo, died.

1813—The Americans under Gen. Pike took York, capital of Upper Canada; Pike was killed.

1836—Defeat of the Indians near Fort Brook, Florida, by American volunteers.

1822—Birth of Ulysses S. Grant, famous Civil War Commander and 18th President of the United States, at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio; died July 23, 1885, at Mt. McGregor, N. Y.

1848—Otto, the "Mad King" of Bavaria, born; deposed for insanity in 1913; died Oct. 12, 1916.

1873—William C. Macready, famous tragedian, died in London, his birthplace, aged 80.

1876—Queen Victoria made Empress of India by Act of Parliament.

1878—Grand Central Theatre and other buildings in Philadelphia destroyed by fire.

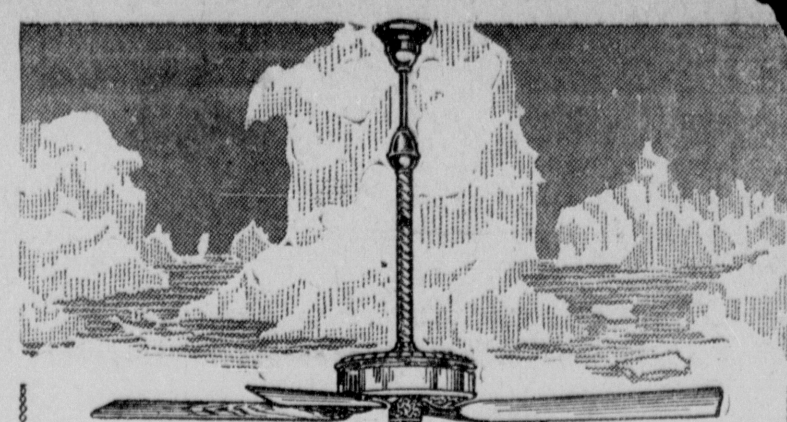
1882—Ralph Waldo Emerson, famous philosopher and essayist, died demented, aged 79.

1897—Grant's Tomb, Riverside Park, New York, Mecca of visitors to the metropolis, dedicated on 75th anniversary of his birth.

1898—Americans began bombardment of Matanzas, in the Cuban War.

1915—THE WAR: The International Woman's Peace Congress opened at The Hague, Jane Addams of Chicago presiding; 14 countries represented.

1916—THE WAR: Entente Allies opened economic conference in Paris to remedy conditions resulting from the war. British battleship Russell sunk in the Mediterranean; German submarine sunk off coast of Ireland and crew made prisoners. Martial law declared throughout Ireland; general fighting in the streets of Dublin, with terrible execution of the rebels by the greater-numbered British troops.



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LITTLE LOCALS

The greater part of the Texas National Guard regiments have been sent from Camp Wilson to other parts of the state, where they have been assigned to do police duty, but the Milmo Rifles (Co. I, Second Texas Infantry) the Laredo company and some others are still in the mobilization camp at San Antonio awaiting the need of their services elsewhere.

In his address to the grand jury yesterday Judge Burns used logical terms and advised the jurors against the menacing work of Dame Rumor. People hear some reference made to a matter, tell it to others, and within a short time it has grown to such proportions that the transformation of a gnat to an elephant is in evidence.

General Gerardo Villareal, who was held on two charges of violation of the neutrality laws to the action of the federal grand jury, was released on Tuesday, as the grand jury failed to find a bill against him.

The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: Three carloads of cattle, six carloads of lead, thirteen carloads of calamine and one carload of kitle.

Will sell brick house, two lots 25x50, four frame houses, one block from car line on Heights. Information 901 Hidalgo. 3-26-1m.

The following marriage license has been issued by the county clerk since last report: Benjamin Levy and Miss Cecilia Rodriguez Garcia.

"Mexico has placed a censorship on press dispatches," says a telegram published today. That has been the condition all along, but what the censorship will accomplish will not suppress the real news, for "where there's a will there's a way" and it will be proven in Mexican news, as "the truth will out," even if it is brought by refugees from the land of revolution.

There will be what promises an interesting game of base ball at Caliche Park on Sunday afternoon between the National team and the Thirty-seventh Infantry team. The best material in both teams will comprise the line-up for this occasion.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Walker leaves tonight for Atlanta, Ga., where he takes General Vicente Calero and Eneas Levy, who were convicted in federal court and sentenced to fifteen months in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

HEADLESS BODY WAS FOUND UNDER CARS THIS MORNING

FELIPE PADRON, A FLAGMAN, DECAPITATED WHILE ASLEEP.

Man Had Crawled Under Car in Texas-Mexican Yards While Intoxicated and Met Tragic Death.

The headless body of Felipe Padron, aged about 35 years, and who for a number of years had been in the employ of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. as day flagman at the Convent Avenue crossing, was found about 2 o'clock this morning by some brakeman at work with the switching crew. The body of Padron, from which the head had been severed at the neck in a cleave-like manner, lay under a box car which had been standing there for an hour or more, while in the roadway on the side of the track, was found the head without any bruises on it, indicating that the head had been cut from the body by a car wheel. The body was lying across the roadbed between the rails.

According to information given the coroner who viewed the body immediately after it was found, Padron had been seen about the yards early in the evening in a slightly intoxicated condition, and it is believed he laid down under the box car to take a nap and used one of the rails as a headrest, and when the switch engine moved the car the body was decapitated and caused instant death. One of the brakemen stated to the police officers who went to the scene that the car under which the body of Padron had been found had not been moved for more than an hour, and evidently several cars had passed the body after the head had been severed from it. Padron, who was well known here and a good workman, leaves an aged mother.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.
Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon, and the Tuesday Bridge Club on Friday afternoon, honoring Mrs. John Church Hawley of Massachusetts.
The Thursday Sewing Club will meet with Mrs. Charles Richter at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.
Miss Theodora Guillelte will entertain the Girls' Thursday Bridge Club at four o'clock in the afternoon.
Friday.
Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club in the afternoon with Mrs. J. C. Hawley as the honor guest.

A Stranger.
A stranger I within your town!
Whence come I then, you say,
Now do not smile and do not frown,
And do not doubt me, pray!

For oh, I wish with all my might
That you could understand
Just what I mean when I recite—
I live in Fairyland!

In Fairyland? Look not around
Upon a globe or chart!
Well, where can this strange place be found?

Within a happy heart!
—Harold Susman.

General Mention.
Capt. Beukema of the Third Field Artillery has been assigned to the Signal Corps at Fort McIntosh, and will take quarters at the post in the near future. Capt. and Mrs. Beukema have been occupying the Mims cottage on the Heights for the past several months.

Mrs. Frank Nye has returned from San Antonio where she went to see her sons, who are with the Second Texas, at Camp Wilson. Mrs. Nye reports that the boys are all well.

Mrs. E. W. Wood and children will leave on Saturday for San Antonio, where they will join Chaplain Wood, who is stationed there with the Ninth Infantry.

Mrs. Asher Smith left yesterday for Dallas, for a short visit to her mother.

Miss Clara Hall has returned from a short stay in San Antonio and will remain in Laredo until Sunday, when she will leave for Bruni, where she will close her school for this term.

Mrs. Ben Katz arrived yesterday from San Antonio on a visit to her daughters, Mesdames Kaplan and Joe Moser.

Mrs. P. L. Mathews returned to Santo Tomas yesterday after a visit to Mrs. G. W. Derby. She was accompanied home by Dorothy Derby.

Club Notes.
The Parish Guild of Christ Church held a business meeting yesterday afternoon at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook. Mrs. MacGregor turned in a report on the sale held last week, and also read a number of letters pertaining to the work of the Guild. Those present were: Mesdames MacGregor, McKinney, Kehl, Woods, Mooreman and Cook.

Entertainments.
Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath entertained the Girls' Social Club very pleasantly yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. After a while passed in sewing, the hostess served a delightful refreshment course to the following members: Mrs. Robert Lee Muller, Misses Theodora Guillelte, Lilian Westbrook, Myrtle and Ethel Mackin, Maude Mussett, Flora Bunn, Marguerite Nelson, Etta Thaison and the hostess.

The members of the Auction Bridge Club and additional guests were most delightfully entertained with a charmingly appointed bridge party yesterday afternoon with Mrs. M. S. Ryan as hostess. The rooms were attractively decorated in beautiful varicolored roses and ferns. Hand-painted tally cards of rose design marked the scores. Mrs. E. H. Sauvignat won the club prize and was given a handsome lunch cloth with crocheted edge. Mrs. C. C. Shiner won the guest prize and received a set of guest towels. At the conclusion of the game the hostess served a delicious two-course luncheon to the following club members: Mesdames Hill, E. H. Bueuz, J. W. Brewster, Cogley, Brennan, Christen, Hall, Albert Martin, J. B. Morton, J. S. Penn, E. H. Sauvignat; Guests: Mesdames Barlow, C. C. Biggio, Cooper, Foster, Gregory, Hawley, Shiner, Wilson and Miss Frances Alexander.

White Crest Cooking School.
One of the leading events in Laredo of the past ten days has been the White Crest Cooking school at

PERSONALS

Chas. S. Cooper of Maverick-Clarke Litho. Co. is in the city on one of his regular visits.

BENDER.—A. B. McKissack, San Antonio; D. R. Johnson, Sinthville; H. B. Barnes, San Antonio; F. C. Rosenthal, Fort Worth; L. B. Bowden, San Antonio; J. M. Lytle, Chicago, Ill.; W. F. Wells, St. Louis, Mo.; Robert Adams, L. J. Raymond, San Antonio; J. F. Ennis, Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. Collsen, B. Miller, San Antonio; R. V. Azcarraga, Monterey; J. F. Frey, R. W. Frey, San Antonio; E. R. Thorton, El Paso; W. C. Kevan, Petg. Na.; G. A. Schley, San Antonio.

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THE ENSIGN'S EMBARRASSMENT

Clothing the immature in a little brief authority and responsibility is frequently impressive, as in the case of one of Uncle Sam's youthful officers below set forth.

While a certain warcraft was lying at the Brooklyn navy yard a young ensign was placed in command of the deck. It happened that only one item remained on the list of the morning's duties, and that was to sweep the decks at seven bells.

It was not a very martial command to give, but as the time approached the officer of the deck waxed nervous. He imagined that the eyes of all hands were on him, and that the safety of the ship depended upon his giving the order in the proper voice. At three minutes to seven bells he again scanned the order book. It read, "Seven bells, pipe sweepers."

It was plain enough, and the young officer took his stand near the mainmast and called out, in a very weak voice, "Bo's'n's mate!"

The man addressed sprang to his feet with finger touching cap. "Aye, aye sir," he replied.

Glancing hastily around, the scared officer muttered hoarsely, "Swipe sweepers!"

It was an entirely new order to the boatswain's mate. He touched his cap inquiringly. The ensign, more confused than ever, stammered desperately:

"Peep swipers, my man."

The words were overheard, and the laugh which followed proved the last straw. The ensign drew himself up, and with perspiring scorn explained: "Sweep pipers, and be quick about it, too!"

This time his order was obeyed, the grinning boatswain's mate having fathomed his meaning.—Los Angeles Times.

TRAP SHOOTERS AT NATCHEZ.

Natchez, Miss., April 26.—Many noted marksmen faced the traps at the grounds of the Gaillard Sporting Club today at the opening of the annual Mississippi State trapshooting tournament. The competitions will continue over tomorrow and Saturday.

A GLORIOUS TRINITY.

In an Ohio town is a colored man whose last name is Washington. Heaven has blest him with three sons.

When the first son arrived the father named him George Washington. In due time the second son came. Naturally he was christened Booker Washington. When the third man child was born his parent was at a loss, at first, for a name for him. Finally, tho, he hit on a suitable selection.

The third son, if he lives, will go through life as Spokane Washington.—Saturday Evening Post.

THE SIMPLE TRUTH.

Mabel—"I'm going to get married next month, Lizzie, if Jim can get a week off from his job. I think he'll be able to; yer see, it isn't as if 'e was asking for a vacation to have a good time."—Vanity Fair.

Stowers Furniture Store when Misses Wightman and Riddle of the J. C. Lyle Milling Co. of Leavenworth, Kansas, endeavored to demonstrate the merits of the famous White Crest flour. These demonstrations of cooking were well attended by the housekeepers of Laredo, who are always solicitous to gain knowledge in the culinary art. Miss Wightman is an artist in her line and both Misses Wightman and Riddle through their pleasing manner won many friends while in our city and they both expressed a desire to return at some future time. They left today for Dallas. In the contest, which closed the demonstration, Mrs. Ignacio Benavides won the beautiful Sellers kitchen cabinet and Mrs. C. C. Burr the sack of White Crest flour.

SOME HISTORIC PEACE TRAPS.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—When the Kaiser, in the latter part of 1916, announced a willingness to discuss terms of peace, the Allies immediately shouted "peace trap." The same term has been applied to Germany's efforts to end hostilities with Russia. And, even more recently, the words "peace trap" have been coupled with the rumors emanating from Vienna, Switzerland and elsewhere to the effect that one or more of the Central Powers or their Allies were anxious for peace. Within the past few months English and French statesmen have been heard to express the hope that the United States might not be caught in a German "peace trap." And when the time comes for ending the war, it is safe to say that the diplomatists of the Entente Allies, including the United States, will be on their guard against a Teutonic "peace trap."

Probably the most perfect example of a peace trap succeeding was when the Sultan Murad V. of Turkey, then invading the Balkan States, was induced by specious promises to agree to a treaty of peace to last ten years. The treaty was sworn upon the Koran and the Bible. Yet no sooner had Murad withdrawn his garrisons than it was torn up by the other parties to it under the pretext that "oaths are not to be kept with infidels."

The result, however, in the long run was not exactly in favor of the setters of the trap. For the Sultan, furious at the way he had been duped, re-invaded the Balkans at the head of an army so huge and well-equipped that it speedily beat down all opposition.

England was caught in a peace trap in 1801, when Napoleon, by a clever blending of promises and threats, induced the British Government to agree to the Treaty of Amiens. By it the wily Corsican got practically everything for which he had been fighting, while England, after spending a prodigious sum on the war, obtained relatively nothing.

Russia's turn to fall into a peace trap came in 1878. Turkey, defeated on the field of battle, offered as a condition of immediate peace to sign the Treaty of San Stefano, which gave Russia a large amount of territory. This she only did, however, after having received private assurances from the Great Powers that they would not agree to the treaty being ratified. Nor did they. No sooner had the Russian armies been withdrawn from Turkish territory, than a congress of the Powers was assembled at Berlin to discuss the question, with the result that Russia was robbed of the greater portion of the fruits of her victory.

In 1870, after the fall of Sedan, France was lured to a false security for a while by Bismarck, who pretended that he was ready to grant favorable peace terms. The negotiations were conducted through Count Bernstorff, the Prussian minister in London, and Lord Lyons, the British ambassador in Paris.

For two or three weeks the French armies remained inactive. Meanwhile Field Marshal von Moltke, behind the screen of his far-flung armies, was bringing up numbers of heavy siege guns, destined for the bombardment of Paris, and huge stores of munitions. Then, when all was in readiness, Bismarck threw off the mask.

His "favorable peace terms" proved to be practically identical with those exceedingly harsh ones afterwards imposed, and which he knew perfectly well would not be accepted at that stage of the war. The answer of the French Government was exactly what he had foreseen and expected. "We will not," it announced, "cede an inch of our territories or a stone of our fortresses."

Hostilities were thereupon renewed. But the delay proved fatal to France, for a few weeks later the German had Paris encircled with a ring of steel and fire and held her there until famine compelled her to capitulate.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.
Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.
Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:05 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.

I. & G. N. Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

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TITANIC STRUGGLE STILL FAILS TO REACH DECISION, THOUGH BRITISH WERE CHECKED

Believed that Momentous Events are About to Occur Behind the Fighting Lines—German Strike Agitation to Burst Forth Again, While Sweden and Spain Also Expecting Trouble.

CHINCH BUG APPEARS.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, April 26.—The agricultural department today received reports that the chinch bug has appeared in great numbers over the state.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

By Associated Press.

Navasota, Texas, April 26.—Warren Brainfield died today as the result of an automobile accident last night.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY.

Atlanta, Ga., April 26.—Throughout a large part of the South today was observed as Confederate memorial day. The observance was in the manner which the custom of years has prescribed for the occasion, but which this year took on an added solemnity with the memories of the past revived by the present war.

Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia—observed the day as a legal holiday, and schools, banks and public offices were closed. In many of the principal cities and towns parades and patriotic exercises were held, including the decoration of the graves of the Confederate dead.

JACK BARRY HAS A BIRTHDAY.

Boston, Mass., April 26.—Jack Barry, manager of the world's champion Red Sox, today reached his thirtieth milestone on life's journey, and in honor of the occasion the management of the Boston club designated this as "Jack Barry Day" at Fenway Park, where the Sox lined up this afternoon for the third game in the series with Washington. The birthday party included a delegation of several hundred baseball fans from Worcester, where Manager Barry first achieved prominence as a player on the Holy Cross College team, and in which city he still makes his home.

Meriden, Conn., was the place where Barry made his worldly debut thirty years ago today. His first baseball efforts were made with the sandlot teams around his native town in 1904. The following years he entered Holy Cross college, where he remained until 1908. At college he figured as shortstop and captained his team in 1908. He made the big jump from a college player to a big league star when he joined the Philadelphia Athletics immediately on graduation. In 1915 he came to the Red Sox and last Winter he was named manager of the team in succession to Bill Carrigan.

TO TRY PROFESSOR ON MURDER CHARGE.

Roanoke, Va., April 26.—With the near approach of the date fixed for the trial of Professor Charles E. Vowter, under indictment for the alleged murder of Stockton Heath, Jr., interest in the celebrated case has increased to a noticeable extent. The case is docketed for trial in the Montgomery county circuit court next Tuesday. The high social standing of both the accused man and his alleged victim, together with the deep mystery enshrouding the motives for the tragedy, combine to give promise of one of the most sensational trials that has taken place in Virginia in many years.

Young Heath was shot and killed in the home of Professor Vowter on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, on March 13. At the time of the tragedy he was a guest at the Vowter home. Hints of sensational developments in the case have been rumored for some time, but absolutely no facts as to the cause for the alleged slaying have been made public. Heath died two days after the shooting. On his death bed he made a sworn statement which is said to have revealed considerably more in relation to the case than has been given out by the authorities. The other occupants of the Vowter household have maintained absolute silence.

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By Associated Press.

London, April 26.—The titanic struggle between the British and the Germans has entered the fourth day with both sides still striving for the decision. The Germans by massed attacks have apparently succeeded in checking the British advance for the time being, though at a fearful cost. In the meantime indications are not lacking that momentous events are about to occur behind the fighting lines. Following the hasty adjournment of the Reichstag when its session was barely begun there were some hints that the German strike agitation may burst forth again on May Day. Sweden and Spain may have like demonstrations. Conditions in Turkey are bad.

American Schooner Sunk.

Washington, April 26.—The American schooner Percy Birdsall has been submersed. A British patrol boat rescued the survivors.

Repulsed German Attacks.

Paris, April 26.—Terrific fighting on the French front last night resulted in the repulse of heavy counter attacks by Germans east of Cerny and near Chemin des Names.

Other Attacks Repulsed.

London, April 26.—Renewed German attacks near Bavrielle were repulsed last night.

Austrian Parliament Convoked.

Vienna, April 26.—The Austrian parliament has been convoked for May 30 to consider food, financial, economic and social problems. It has not met since before the war.

VOTE ON ARMY BILL EXPECTED SATURDAY

BILLY MASON HISSIED FOR SAYING WILSON HOLDING ROOSEVELT BACK OUT OF POLITICS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 26.—A vote on the army bill is expected in the house Friday or Saturday and in the senate Saturday. During the debate today Representative Mason, Republican of Illinois, was hissed when he declared that President Wilson would not let Roosevelt take a division to France because of fear that the colonel would profit politically.

Reached Complete Understanding.

Washington, April 26.—Balfour and McAdoo have reached a complete understanding on finance, trade, shipping, banking, exchange and kindred problems affecting the United States and Great Britain, it was announced today.

Texas Buys Certificates.

Austin, Texas, April 26.—The senate today adopted a concurrent resolution authorizing the state treasurer to invest \$7,000,000 of unappropriated state money in 3 per cent United States government certificates.

British Blacklist Withdrawn.

London, April 26.—The British shipping blacklist, so far as the United States is concerned, has been withdrawn.

First American Prisoner.

London, April 26.—The first American prisoner of war has been taken, the American consul at Glasgow informed the American embassy today.

Nevada Leads Recruiting.

Washington, April 26.—Nevada led all the states in the proportionate recruiting for the regular army between April 1 and 24, by contributing 94.4 per cent of her war quota, which is based on the approximate population. Oregon, Indiana, Utah, Illinois and Kansas ranked next in order. Texas with a war quota of 7,792 shows a percentage of 18.

Cheered French Officers.

Washington, April 26.—The most enthusiastic and loudest cheering ever heard in the state department building came from the clerks and attaches this morning when Minister

CERTIFIED TO CHARACTER.

By Associated Press.

Coleman, Texas, April 26.—Depositions from ministers, doctors and business men of various cities in which Harry Spennell has lived, certifying to his good character, were read today at his trial for killing Lieut. Col. Butler. The state's objections to the depositions were overruled.

MANY ENTERED IN PENN'S RELAY.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 26.—The University of Pennsylvania's annual relay carnival, opening on Franklin Field tomorrow, promises to be a large and representative meet, notwithstanding that several of the larger universities will not be represented owing to the war. A large majority of the educational institutions east of the Mississippi, however, will be represented in either the races or the field sports or both. A total of 75 colleges, 110 high schools, 53 preparatory schools, and 75 grammar schools will have men in the various events.

The leading events on the two-day program will include the American college championship relay races at distance of one, two and four miles; two medley relay championships, 100-yard dash, 120-yard hurdle, high jump, broad jump, shotput, hammer throw, pole vault, hop-step-and-jump, 56-pound weight, 440-yard low hurdle and the pentathlon.

COULD TAKE IT ON COMPANY.

Sir John Jellicoe, the latest recipient of the great Victoria Cross, Order of Merit, told a good story recently of a train journey he took one bitterly cold night on a local line in Scotland.

His only fellow traveler in the same compartment was a Scotsman, and he had just drawn his flask from his pocket when the train stopped at a little country station and the door opened.

"Tickets, please," said the shivering collector, with a longing look at the flask.

"Oo, aye," observed the Scotsman, as he fumbled in his pockets. "Wull ye take a nip?"

The ticket collector looked up and down, and as the coast was clear, he remarked that he didn't mind if he did.

The traveler handed him the ticket. "Take it oot o' that, then," was all he said, and he transferred his attention to the flask.—Salt Lake Herald-Republican.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Friday partly cloudy.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 93 degs.
Min. temp. 42 degs.
General direction of wind: South. Clear.

Stop Left Over Coughs.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsams loosen the phlegm, heals the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist to-day. Formula on the bottle. 25c.

Root Accepted Chairmanship.

Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, Republican and former secretary of state, after conferring with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing today, accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

From Wednesday's Daily.

THE VOLUNTEER SYSTEM.

One of the severest arraignments of the volunteer system was that of Lieut. Gen. Bridges of the British commission now in this country. It should be remembered that for many years the British have depended upon a volunteer system until the present war, and that when the war began in 1914 Great Britain advanced the same arguments against conscription that are being now advanced here; that is, that it was opposed to free institutions, and was tyrannical and oppressive.

Gen. Bridges said that the British volunteer system, which is not one whit different from ours, and which it is proposed to establish here, cost the lives of their most valuable citizens, crippled industrial mobilization and hampered England's efforts in the war.

It should be remembered that the British had many things to incite them to enlist. The various Zeppelin attacks, resulting in the death of women and children; the vile attack on unprotected bathing and fishing towns along the coast, and the horrors of the war on the continent, all aided the British recruiting officer in securing volunteers.

But, as in the United States, the best and the most patriotic go first; the others hang back until some force besides their own will causes them to come forward at the last hour, and the remainder, who will not serve except under compulsion, stay safely at home and reap the advantage of the abandoned employment and the other things which patriotic volunteers leave behind them.

Among Britain's volunteers were the greater part of the better class of the entire population. The sons and grandsons of those who fought at Waterloo, in the Crimea, at Khyber, Persia, in South Africa and wherever the Union Jack led the way, were the first to go. Later the sons of the petty tradesmen, the mechanics, the clerks and bookkeepers and others of that class entered the ranks. But the men who could do their bit as well as the noble of highest rank held back until popular sentiment forced them to take the king's shilling, and there are still many left who will be taken when the conscription gets to working properly.

There is no doubt that the best of the American manhood and youth will go. From the times of Lexington to the present there has been no lack of volunteers among the better sort of Americans. The really patriotic are always first to offer their services, and the ones who are amenable to a feeling of shame can always be forced into the ranks by the proper incentives.

But there are millions who are not keenly alive to their responsibilities and their duties; who cannot be shamed into doing anything they don't want to do. How about that class? Are they to remain safely at home, while the few who are willing fight the battles of all?

Every able-bodied young man between the age of 18 and 25 should be required to do his service in the present emergency; every single man, that is. And there are many who are not eligible who have already gone, while others are only being held back by the tears and the reproaches of their wives and families. No need of the married men with families to support if those without family ties will do their duty. And the selective conscription which it is hoped to put into effect before many days will render it imperative for all who ought to go to render their service whether they want to or not.

Among the young men who are now in the ranks of Laredo's company there are several who have families to support. Yet they are not among those who sought to evade their duty. On the contrary they were among the first to respond to the president's call.

The opposition to the president's plan of selective conscription is ill-advised. God grant that we may not see a repetition of Britain's disasters resulting from the volunteer system, simply because some "statesmen" are opposed to conscription.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

It was one of the dreams of the late Cecil Rhodes, empire builder and philanthropist, that if the English, American and German university students were to mingle in the course of their studies, it would result in a wider outlook and a community of interests. So he established the noted "Rhodes scholarships," which sent students of the three nations to each of the other nations to complete their courses.

It has lately been discovered that the German students who went to England to complete their courses were without a single exception mere German spies, whose one object was to report to the Prussian ruler all that might be of advantage in a military campaign against the country which was showing them hospitality without the expenditure of a single penny, although the German government was prepared to pay salaries, if necessary, to the student spies.

Naturally the British are very much chagrined over this discovery, and the German scholarships have

been abolished for all time. Of course, there could be no interchange of students while the war was going on, but in future years the wisheys of the founder will be disregarded so far as German students are concerned.

This is the one feature which astounds the world. The Germans are not only unashamed of their treachery toward every nation where they have exerted their efforts as spies, but they even boast of their lack of all honesty and decency in this respect.

It will be many years before a German immigrant of any education is looked upon as a safe person to admit. In every walk of life where an educated German has been received with courtesy it is now discovered that the most frightful treachery has been used against the very people who were the willing hosts of the Germans.

Even now in Brazil the Germans are threatening armed revolt against the people who have shown them every mark of friendship. The German immigrants in Brazil came there as fugitives from a tyrannical system. They were given opportunities to establish themselves as planters, free grants of land being made to many thousands of them. They were industrious, and so far as the Brazilians knew, were worthy of all confidence.

As a result, they have deliberately attempted the Prussianizing of Brazil. They have secured the control, through German capital, of most of the industries; they have forced Brazilian competitors out of business; they have established German lines of steamers and other vessels; they have for a few years past attempted to dominate the Brazilian politics, and, although many of them have intermarried for the sake of wealth, they have remained Germans and have sent their sons to Germany to be educated.

Now that Brazil has protested against the German abuses, and has declared a state of war existing because of German attacks upon Brazilian vessels, these German residents—not one of whom ever became a Brazilian citizen—are now making war upon the country to which they owe everything they have.

It is the old story of the camel who wanted to put his nose inside the tent of the Arab because of the pleasant weather. He ended by driving the owner from his tent. And this is precisely what the modern German wants to do with the rest of the world. All he wants is a foothold, as Archimedes wanted a fulcrum; the irresistible power will do the rest.

Is it a matter for wonder that people all over the world are becoming opposed to the German menace? The Germans who came here years ago and settled were not infected with this poison of German domination. They were trying to get away from German oppression, and they came here as their only refuge from tyranny.

But the modern German who comes to America is merely the evangel of the Prussian domination, and it would seem that the greatest part of them are willing to descend to the lowest depths of infamy in order to win the approbation of their insane and degenerate ruler.

Standard Oil says it was not responsible for the increased price of gasoline. Yet we'll bet a Villa peso that the profits did not go to the Undertakers' Union or to the Y. M. C. A.

The Texas senate wants legislation for a million-dollar appropriation to guard the border. If the legislature will give us a million dollars we'll guard the border ourselves.

Those Germans who are preparing an insurrection in Brazil, of course, are fighting purely in self-defense and for the Fatherland. But their alibi will be found to be made of moonshine when the trouble is over.

Champ Clark is the latest opponent of conscription to announce his stand. We are sorry, for we had believed Champ to be made of quite different stuff from his fellow Missourian, Gum Shoe Bill Stone.

EIGHTY-TWO CARLOADS ONIONS.

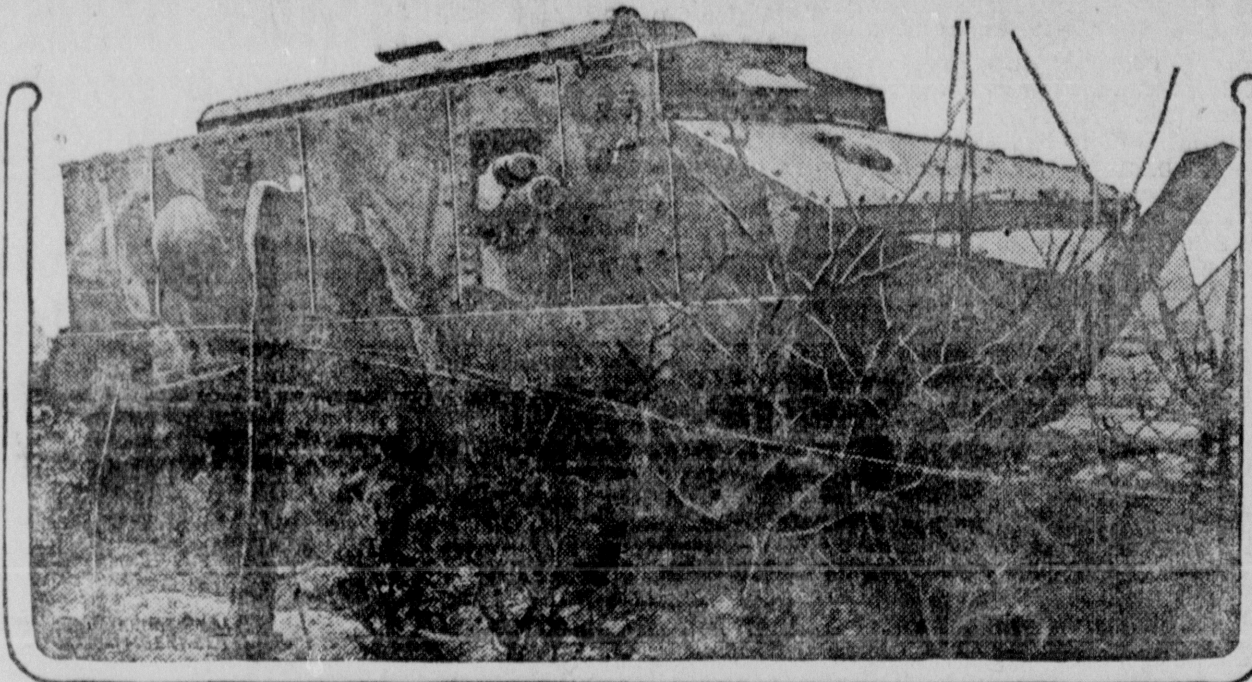
Aggregate Shipments to This Time Are 1,230 Carloads; Shipments Last Night Comprised 82 Carloads.

Last night's shipments of onions out of Laredo comprised a total of eighty-two carloads, which were moved in four special trains, and the shipments being destined to markets in various parts of this country and some to markets in the Dominion of Canada.

With the shipments referred to above the aggregate onion movement so far out of Laredo totals 1,234 carloads. The price still remains steady at a lower figure than was quoted several days ago, and it appears that Bermudas are about to be eliminated from the classification in the "high cost of living" and will be quoted at a lower figure.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

FRENCH ALSO ARE MAKING "TANKS" NOW



The French now are making "tanks," and this is one of their new models. A barbed wire cutter will be noticed in front.

SPEEDING UP NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING



Officers of a National Guard regiment enrolling new members as the regiment mobilizes in response to the president's call.

COLD WATER ON THE SOB STUFF.

An American counsel was defending a prisoner who had killed a negro by hitting him on the head with a brick. The case against the prisoner being quite clear, the counsel endeavored to get his client off by making a perverted speech. He said:

"The responsibility of defending my client is almost overwhelming. This morning, as I was walking in my garden enjoying the lovely sunshine and balmy air, listening to the birds singing, and looking at all the beautiful flowers, I said to myself, 'My poor client, immured in his cell, can see none of these things.'"

Just then a negro at the back of the court shouted, "Neither can the negro be hit on the head with a brick!"

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Don't Need It.

Young Marshall Field of Chicago, who is heir to \$30,000,000 and has enlisted as a private, says he has not made any plans for spending his fifteen dollars a month soldier's pay. He gets his board and clothes free and really doesn't need his salary.—Galveston News.

Panicless Panhandle.

A light earthquake disturbed the people of the Panhandle last week, and Editor Smith of the Pampa News is responsible for the assertion that the shock was great enough to crank a jitney.—Wheeler County Texan.

Editor Smith probably was talking through his Ionian crown. An earthquake of sufficient horsepower to re-

volutionize a slumbering automobile would certainly be of sufficient pith and moment to get a headline in the papers, and State Press saw no mention of an earthquake in the news columns of its exchanges. Maybe the ground was jarred by the united voices of the Panhandle farmers, geehawing Beck and Kit up and down the furrows of the Kaffir corn fields. Or maybe it was a seismic disturbance superinduced by a warwhoop from Editor Smith of the Pampa News. Or, indeed, could it not have been a ground swell from Memphis, where Editor Johnson might have been practicing his inaugural speech anticipatory of his election as lieutenant governor next year? There are lots of jolts and noises in the Panhandle of sufficient force and volume to disturb the tenderfoot contingent.—Galveston News.

High Tax Better Than Prohibition. In war time increased taxes should be put on luxuries. The government and the majority of individuals have got to peel down to the necessities, and it is fair and just that those who want to hang on to their luxuries should pay for the privilege. Alcoholic drinks are a luxury. In the present war, where nations have not abolished alcoholic drinks as a detriment to prosecution of war business, they have socked on high taxation. Morality did not enter into the inauguration of these policies. It was prohibition or high treason as good war business. The duty of our congress is plan. It should tax alcoholic drinks "all the traffic will bear," as a matter of war business with Germany, if for no other reason.—Dallas Dispatch.

Spain Will Come Into the Game. Germany has given Spain permission to ship certain articles into that country, but nothing must come to America. If we remember rightly, the kaiser ordered Uncle Sam to send only one ship a week to England, but your Uncle isn't taking commands from anybody. Spain should follow our example if she wants to keep her self-respect.—Dallas Times Herald.

Pays to Have Bees. One man declares that he makes 25 per cent on his investment in the bee business, besides having all the sweetness his family can eat. He has not bought syrup for more than two years and the children are wild for the honey. In addition to all this it may be noted that he had never sold honey higher than 15 cents per pound.—Temple Telegram.

Nature Cures. The Doctor Takes the Fee. There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

FEDERAL COURT NEARS END AFTER A TEN-DAY SESSION

MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF.

This Morning Chink Fined \$2,400 and Given One Year in Jail, and Laredo Merchant Was Fined \$1,000.

In the federal court yesterday afternoon Pedro Gonzales, the former leader of the Felicista movement in Northeastern Mexico; Alberto Hinojosa, said to be his chief of staff, and Captain Leopoldo Dorantes, all of whom had been indicted yesterday morning by the grand jury charged with conspiracy and setting on foot a military expedition against a friendly nation, appeared before Judge Burns in the federal court room and entered pleas of guilty to the charges against them. They had been out on bond since their examining trial, Gonzales on \$10,000 bond and the other two men on \$5,000 bond each, but after entering the pleas of guilty they were sent to the county jail to remain there until sentences had been passed on them by the court.

Santiago Mendoza and A. Amaro, charged by indictment with smuggling opium, were tried in federal court yesterday afternoon before a jury and acquitted.

This has been a busy day in the federal court, as that tribunal is winding up its business in Laredo and will adjourn this afternoon. The grand jury returned a small batch of bills of indictment this morning and were discharged by Judge Burns, and soon afterwards the petit jury was also dismissed from further attendance on the court.

Today is what might be termed "sentence day" in court. This morning four of the men charged with enlisting themselves for foreign service and who were alleged members of the Felicista revolution were dismissed.

Tom Na Hong, a Chinaman who was arrested here a few days ago by the customs authorities on a charge of smuggling opium into the country, and in whose possession a large quantity of the drug was found, appeared in court this morning and drew a heavy penalty, being punished by a fine of \$2,400 or imprisonment in the county jail for a term of twelve months. A Mexican woman who was arrested at the same time charged with being an accomplice to the Chink, was released and ordered deported to Mexico.

A well known Laredo hardware and ammunition dealer, who was indicted yesterday on a charge of selling ammunition to a foreign country in violation of the embargo order of President Wilson, was this morning fined \$1,000. One of his clerks was also fined \$500 for selling ammunition.

Found Notice.

One burro picked up for violation of the City ordinance governing stray animals and now in pound will be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Saturday morning, April 28, 1917, at ten o'clock unless the owner calls before that hour and pays all costs that have accrued.

M. BRENNAN, City Marshal. Laredo, Texas, April 25, 1917. 4-25-3t.

Clear Your Skin in Spring.

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills to night and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At drug-gists, 25c.

Carranza Don't Count.

It is not yet too late for Señor Carranza to advise this government what his intentions and purposes are with respect to Mexico's part in the war the United States is waging with Germany. If he is going to maintain friendly relations, or even observe strict neutrality, it is time he was making it known. The South American republic are not at all backward in declaring their positions and General Carranza should likewise make a declaration and live up to it; otherwise, complications calculated to prove embarrassing are likely to arise.—Denison Herald.

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JUDGE BURNS MADE DENIAL OF AN ALLEGED REPRIMAND

AND PAYS COMPLIMENT TO AUG. C. RICHTER OF LAREDO.

In Address to Grand Jury Judge Burns Cautioned Against Listening to Rumors That Are Afloat.

In discharging the grand jury in federal court this forenoon Judge Wailer Burns, after expressing his thanks and appreciation of the court for the work done by that body, stopped them long enough to listen to a few remarks he desired to make, and the result was one of the most masterful and earnest addresses ever heard in Laredo. While the Times reported did not take down his words verbatim, in substance Judge Burns said:

"Gentlemen, when you go to your homes do so with the satisfaction that your work has been well done and do not listen to rumors that might reach you, for I know that Dame Rumor and her wagging tongue has reflected on the honesty and character of many men. Only recently I was approached by a well known citizen of Laredo and told about treatment accorded a prominent business man, whom he stated I had compelled to get on his knees and salute the American flag, at the same time asking me if my treatment was not rather severe. I did not know anything about the matter. The man referred to was August C. Richter. I want to say here that I am intimately acquainted with August C. Richter and consider him an excellent man, a good citizen and a loyal American. If the need should be August Richter and his sons would bear arms against the house of Hohenzollern or Hapsburg, or a closer nation, and show himself loyal to the United States, of which he is a native-born citizen. We need more Americans like Mr. Richter."

"Another rumor had it that a prominent business man of Laredo had been reprimanded on a charge of being disloyal to his country, and again Dame Rumor was wagging her tongue, for the man is one of the best citizens and most loyal Americans in Laredo." (While Judge Burns did not mention any name here, he is believed to have referred to Henry Borchers.)

Referring to a recent incident on the Mexican side of the international bridge, Judge Burns called attention to the fact that Dame Rumor stated the United States mail automobile had crossed to the Mexican side and the American flag had been torn from it by Carranza officers. This was absolutely false, as the officers on the Mexican side of the Big Grande had merely asked the driver of the car to remove the flags he was flying, and this was done. But Judge Burns at the same time called attention to the fact that this incident followed one which had taken place on the American side of the river, when two Mexican citizens from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, were compelled by American authorities to remove two Mexican flags which they had on their car. In conclusion he cautioned the members of the grand jury against rumors.

SIXTEEN BILLS ARE FOUND SO FAR IN DISTRICT COURT

GRAND JURY REPORTED 5 YESTERDAY AND 11 TODAY.

Six of the Bills of Indictment Returned Today Are Against Arab Who Passed Forged Instruments.

Of the five indictments returned by the grand jury in district court yesterday morning, four of them was as follows: Julio Lugo, theft over \$50; Vicente San Miguel, assault to murder; Martin Lopez, theft from the person; Valentin Dominguez, burglary, and another party for burglary who has not as yet been arrested.

Yesterday afternoon the case of John Armengol vs. the Brown Grain Co., suit on contract concerning a shipment of corn, was tried before the court and resulted in a judgment in favor of the defendant.

The grand jury in district court this morning returned eleven more bills of indictment, of which six were against Felix Assad, charging him with passing forged instruments. Bennett Karr and Raymond Windgold, the two members of the Thirty-seventh Infantry charged with taking the automobile of Peter D. Parker, were indicted on a charge of taking an automobile of another; Albino Garcia was indicted on a charge of theft from the person, while three other bills are against parties not yet taken into custody.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Gippy? You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold the soothing balsam ingredients heal the irritated membranes, soothe the sore throat, the antiseptic qualities kill the germ and your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. King's New Discovery has for 48 years been the standard remedy for coughs and colds in thousands of homes. Get a bottle to-day and have it handy in your medicine chest for coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

PERSONALS

Leonard Haynes left this morning on a business trip to the City of Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph N. Magnon and children left this morning for their home in the City of Mexico.

Rev. F. S. Onderdonk is a visitor in the city.

Lee B. Miller of San Antonio arrived in the city this afternoon.

Ed. A. Leighton of San Antonio is in the city on one of his regular visits.

W. G. Schnelle of the San Antonio Machine and Supply Co. is in the city in the interest of his house.

Charles Brennan, a former Laredo boy and son of City Marshal Mike Brennan, arrived yesterday from Fort Worth in a short visit to his father, brothers and sisters here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Eitt have returned from their trip to Florida, where they went to spend some time for Mr. Eitt's health, but were called home on account of the death of Mrs. Eitt's mother. The funeral was held in San Antonio and they were there to attend it.

MISS CASSO IS MAY QUEEN.

Three Contestants Following Her in Voting List Are Princesses of Their Respective Schools.

The May Queen contest which has been in progress for the past month in Laredo, being conducted under the auspices of a committee of teachers as a benefit for the public school library, came to a close last night and as a whole proved the most successful contest from a financial standpoint ever conducted in behalf of the laudable cause for which it was given. During the final hours of the contest the election of a candidate was held in abeyance, as a heavy vote was polled by friends of at least two of the young ladies who were candidates for the honor—little Miss Blanca Lilia Casso of the chart grade of the Third ward school, and Miss Gladys O'Brien of the High school. Up to the very moment that the contest closed vote-casting was lively, but up to the time that the polls closed last night the election was in doubt and was not decided until the final count was completed at noon today.

The teachers committee this afternoon furnished the Times with the standing of the four highest candidates, which was as follows:

Miss Blanca Lilia Casso.....70,025
Miss Gladys O'Brien.....42,307
Miss Dora Becker.....6,745
Miss Marjorie Lou Fish.....8,925

By winning the contest by a decisive majority Miss Casso is proclaimed May Queen and her coronation will take place during the annual May Day fête to be held on School Plaza at six o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, May 1, when the May Day festivities will consist of an appropriate program. Miss Gladys O'Brien is elected princess of the High School; Miss Dora Becker, princess of the Grammar School, and Miss Marjorie Lou Fish, princess of the primary grade.

St. Mark's Day.

Tomorrow is St. Mark's Day and in many parts of the world it is celebrated as such. St. Mark the Evangelist is doubtless identical with John Mark, spoken of in the book of "Acts of the Apostles," and is nephew to Barnabas. Mark was converted by St. Peter and is symbolized in art by the lion, because he set forth the royal character of Christ. This idea is carried out in plastics and paintings at Venice, Italy. The subject of St. Mark's Day is stability, because after the first few instances of timidity he became strong in the work as the spirit directed. He became Bishop of Alexandria and was martyred while trying to break up the worship of Serapis. By many he is believed to have told the story of his own acts in the garden of Gethsemane when he struggled and then ran away into the darkness leaving his clothes in the hands of an officer. St. Mark's was the great litany or prayer procession day of the early Saxon Christians.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE LAREDO RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

At the general Get-To-Gether Meeting and annual banquet of the Laredo Retail Merchants Association, had at the Hotel Hamilton the evening of April 18th, the following report was made by the secretary:

Total number of actually active members today.....110
Total actually active members at beginning of year.....53
April 1st, 1916, amount dues delinquent.....\$125.00
Less settlements had to date.....77.50

Balance due from above delinquents.....\$47.50
Dues delinquent April 1st, 1916 to 1917.....49.00

Total delinquent dues to date.....\$96.50

Office fixtures and supplies added during year (included in above is 5,000 rating cards and names on which ratings are being compiled).....\$198.29

Cash Account, Debits.
Cash balance April 1st, 1916, \$345.16
Amount dues collected from members April 1st, 1916-17, 2,131.25

Total.....\$2,476.41

Credits.

Office Expenses: Salaries, commissions, rent, telephone, telegrams, supplies, fixtures, advertising, annual membership, dues to State and National Ass'n., delegates expenses, smoker.....\$1,927.30

April 1st, 1917, balance.....\$549.11

The monthly income of the Association has increased in proportion to the increase in membership, which is also true of the efficiency of the service, prestige and influence of the organization.

The efficiency of the service in the wholesale department is keeping pace with the progress in the retail division, which means that there is no record or information indicating that a single member of the Association has lost a single dollar by extending credit to any person favorably reported by the organization, while on the other hand there is abundant proof that many of our members have accounts on their books that are or will be "lost," which would not be there had they asked for information and been guided by it.

While not posing as a collecting agency the Association has done the "impossible" in a number of instances, as regards the settlement of accounts that were out of date and outdated.

Early in the fiscal year just closed our competent and efficient State secretary, W. J. Edgecombe, circularized the local units, urging them to "do something" tangible for their respective localities; something that everybody could understand and appreciate.

Taking the "cue," business picked up here. Information was sought and statistics grouped, and the discovery made that through the activities of the Association Laredo has been saved from losses during the fiscal year just closed, that aggregate at a conservative estimate, no less a sum than \$25,000. This, as seen by the financial statement above, at a cost of less than \$2,000.

But that is not all. In the effort to make the Association an absolutely indispensable adjunct to the commercial life not only of Laredo, but the State and Nation, a plan to make and at all times have an up-to-the-hour Directory was set on foot and is being worked out, with the result that at the present the Association's Directory is at least 50% ahead of ANY other, and yet it is, as it were, in embryo.

The Association's influence in moulding righteous legislation and in preventing unjust, obnoxious and harmful laws, has just been demonstrated through the maintenance of our bureau of information at Austin, and the resulting success or defeat of certain measures.

In order to correct a very erroneous and harmful impression had by a few persons regarding the object, methods and operations of the Association it is well to state that its prime object, as related to the public, may be summed up in one word, "economics" or "economy," or in two words, "scientific economy" effected by co-operation in preventing losses, wastes or extortions.

With a bright future for the Laredo Retail Merchants Association, I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours for co-operation,
A. D. SMITH, Sec'y.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.

Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of strains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like messy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of gripe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. P. Nye at four o'clock in the afternoon.
The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday.

The Parish Guild will hold a business meeting at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. M. S. Ryan will entertain the members of the Auction Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Girls' Social Club will meet with Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath at four o'clock in the afternoon.

God Save the Flag.

God save the Flag! The cry is given by a million tongues; By loyal men who fight and die To keep the breath in Freedom's lungs— And o'er the land, from sea to sea, Echo responds in melody: God save the Flag!

Long wave the Banner of the Free! Our Father's gift, our nation's pride, Long may we live in liberty And profit by Old Glory's stride. Loyal men on land and sea Take up that cry for liberty: God save the Flag!

—Thomas G. Hamilton.

General Mention.

Miss Cato of Montana is the guest of Captain and Mrs. Parbuton.

Mrs. Nelson, wife of Captain Nelson of the Thirty-seventh, has arrived from San Antonio and is stopping with Mrs. H. D. Shelby.

Mrs. S. B. Hopkins left yesterday on the noon train for San Antonio, and from there will go on to Yoakum.

Miss Maud McKnight and little Marjorie Fish returned home yesterday morning from a short visit to relatives in Austin.

Misses Anita Yeager, Helen MacGregor and Miss Churchill, after spending the week-end in Laredo, have returned to Santo Tomas.

Miss Hall and Miss Luz Tamez returned yesterday from a short stay in San Antonio. Miss Clara Hall remained for a longer visit and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haynes.

Lieutenant Frederick Herr of the Fourteenth Cavalry has been placed on the detached officers' list.

Dr. J. T. Ward and little daughters left this morning in their auto for Huntsville, Houston and Belton, on a visit to relatives.

The many friends of Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker will be glad to learn that she is much improved after a spell of illness.

Mrs. W. T. Hill returned yesterday afternoon from a ten days' visit to her daughters, Misses Inez and Lalla Rookh, who are attending school in San Antonio.

Two of Laredo's fair daughters, Misses Irene Moser and Inez Hill, were honor guests during the annual San Jacinto festivities at A. & M. College, Bryan, Texas. They report Laredo's boys there as well, happy and glad to see some one from home.

Mrs. Raymundo Navarro of Monterrey arrived in the city this morning for a visit to her sons, Messrs. Ricardo and Benjamin Navarro.

Announcements.

All members of the Junior Auxiliary who have not contributed their offering to the Missionary box, will please do so before the end of the week, as the box will have to be packed this week.

Entertainments.

The Tournament Bridge Club met with Mrs. L. J. Christen yesterday afternoon at half after three o'clock, and instead of playing the usual series of games the ladies attended the White Crest cooking demonstration at Stowers Furniture Store. At the close of the cooking lesson the members adjourned to the home of Mrs. Christen, where a delightful refreshment course was served. The club members present were: Mesdames Weber, Garlick, Halsell, Biggio, Fish, Christen. The guests were—Mesdames Mally, Chester Burbank and Mathews of Santo Tomas.

NEED SHIP DRAFTSMEN.

United States Civil Service Making Effort to Supply Needs of Navy.

The United States Civil Service Commission is making an extraordinary effort to supply the need of the Navy Department for ship draftsmen. The situation is urgent in the last degree. Millions of dollars are available for new construction and for facilitating construction already begun, but all the ship-building work undertaken at Government yards is retarded by a shortage of ship draftsmen.

The Commission has communicated with the heads of all ship buildings and repair companies in the country appealing to them to arrange if practicable to spare to the Government some of their draftsmen who may not be needed in connection with important Government contracts. The Commission is also sending its announcement to professors in technical schools to the American Federation of Labor, to editors of engineering and technical journals, and to the secretaries of societies of marine draftsmen and naval architects. The Commission's several thousand local and district representatives are assisting in the campaign.

Applicants are not assembled for an examination but are rated upon the elements of physical ability, and education, training and experience. Applications are accepted by the Commission at any time. Applicants will be given a rating as soon as their applications are received, and those who are found qualified will be offered employment at once. Application blanks may be obtained from the Commission at Washington or from the Civil Service District Secretary at Boston, Mass., New York, N. Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, Ohio, Chicago, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., St. Louis, Missouri, New Orleans, La., Seattle, Wash., or San Francisco, Cal.

The Commission is urging qualified persons to enter the examination regardless of their private interests, believing that in the national crisis every person with this special knowledge should use that knowledge where it will be of most value to the Government.

Constipation and Indigestion.

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.

Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.
Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:05 and arrives at 3:25 p. m.

I. & G. N. Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

BISHOP LAWRENCE HONORED.

Boston, Mass., April 24.—Leaders of the Episcopal church from all parts of New England attended a reception given at the Copley-Plaza hotel this afternoon in honor of Bishop Lawrence and in recognition of his work in creating the \$5,000,000 pension fund for Episcopal clergy. The reception followed an impressive thanksgiving service in Trinity Church.

TO DEBATE MINIMUM WAGE.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—O debate between representatives of the University of South Carolina and Georgia University takes place here tomorrow evening and promises to be one of the most interesting events of the university year. The South Carolina debaters are to uphold the affirmative and Georgetown the negative side of the question: "Resolved, That a minimum wage law, to be applied to factories, department stores and workshops, is desirable."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight cloudy. Wednesday fair, colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 92 degs.
Min. temp. 41 degs.
General direction of wind: East.
Clear.

COSTLY RESULT OF VOLUNTEER SYSTEM IS TOLD OF BY MEMBER OF BRITISH COMMISSION

Both British and French Commissions Now on American Soil, and Experience of Both Nations will be Used to Point the Way for Our Country to Handle Its Forces in the Present Conflict.

GERMANS MAKING BITTER DEFENSE

BRITISH PROGRESS IS SLOW AND IF DEFENSE FAILS ANOTHER GERMAN RETREAT BEGINS.

By Associated Press.

London, April 24.—The Germans are putting up the bitterest defense on the Wolan since the latest British-French offensive began, with the result that while the English are progressing their advance is slow and the issue for the time is in doubt. The British are within four miles of Vitry, the most important point of the Wolan line. If Hindenburg's defense crumbles here, Douain and Cambrai will be exposed and another great German retreat may follow.

Official reports today said that the British gained ground on a wide front last night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, reached the St. Quentin canal at one point further north, captured Beaucamp and Villers-Plouich, progressed east of Monchy and near Roex and maintained positions gained yesterday.

British Attempt Failed.

Berlin, April 24.—Only on the Cambrai-Arras road did the British gain ground yesterday, says the official report today. An attempt by the British to break through the German line near Arras failed with tremendous losses, the statement says.

Fear German Uprising.

Rio Janeiro, April 24.—Germans are reported concentrating in Santa Catarina state and a German insurrection in South Brazil is believed imminent.

Drove Turks from Positions.

London, April 24.—The British yesterday drove the Turks in Mesopotamia from their positions between Samara and Itzabelat and occupied Samara station.

NEBRASKA INSURANCE MEN.

Kearney, Neb., April 24.—The annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Local Insurance Agents met here today with several hundred members in attendance. The program for the meeting covers two days and provides for addresses by prominent insurance men of New York, Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha and other cities.

BRITONS TO OBSERVE "ANSAC DAY."

London, April 24.—"Ansac Day," commemorating the anniversary of the landing of the Australians and New Zealand Army Corps on Gallipoli Peninsula for the unsuccessful attempt to capture the Dardanelles, is to be celebrated tomorrow in every nook and corner of the British empire. In London the official celebration is to take the form of a special service at Westminster Abbey, to be attended by the King and Queen, high officials of the Government and representatives of the army and navy.

Despatches from Canada and South Africa indicate that the day will be celebrated generally by memorial and patriotic services. In Australia and New Zealand the day has been officially designated as a special recruiting day.

It is expected that in the years to come "Ansac Day" will become a general holiday throughout the British dominions, on the order of the annual observance of Empire Day. The Government has promulgated an order prohibiting the use of the word "Ansac" in connection with any trade advertising.

Stop Left Over Coughs.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsams loosen the phlegm, heals the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist to-day. Formula on the bottle. 25c.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 24.—Lieut. Gen. Bridges of the British commission in an interview today declared that the volunteer system under which the British began the war cost the lives of their most valuable citizens, crippled industrial mobilization and hampered England's efforts in the war.

French Commission Arrives.

Washington, April 24.—The French commission to confer on the co-operation of the United States in the war reached America today, the state department announced. At the head of the commission is Rene Viviani, minister of justice. Other members are General Joffre, commander of the French army until last December, now the government's military adviser; Vice Admiral Chocheprat; Marquis de Chambroun, member of the chamber of deputies; M. Simon, inspector of finances; M. Hovelasque, inspector general of public instruction, and Surgeon Major Dreyfus.

To Pass by End of Week.

Washington, April 24.—Both houses today continued debate on the war army bill and its passage by the end of the week is forecasted.

Champ Clark Opposes Draft.

Washington, April 24.—In receiving a delegation from the National Security League today, Speaker Champ Clark said he was opposed to the selective draft and predicted that it would never pass congress.

Three Killed by Explosion.

Birmingham, Ala., April 24.—An explosion in the Aetna Explosive Company's plant near here today killed three workers. The cause is unknown, but an investigation has been ordered.

Want Border Protection.

Austin, Texas, April 24.—The senate in a resolution today asked Gov. Ferguson to submit legislation looking toward a million dollar appropriation for border protection.

Signed Seven Bills.

Washington, April 24.—President Wilson today signed seven bills on the war.

Dallas Women Interested.

Dallas, Texas, April 24.—Club women here today passed a resolution for a campaign to conserve the food supply.

ALABAMA SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 24.—An army of earnest young religious workers rallied here today for the opening of the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Alabama Sunday School association. In attendance and enthusiasm the convention this year bids fair to eclipse all of its predecessors. A leading feature of the three-day session will be a course of lectures by E. E. French of Nashville, president of the Tennessee Sunday School association and superintendent of the department of Sunday School supplies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The musical portions of the program are in charge of Prof. E. O. Excell of Chicago.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy?

You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold the soothing balsam ingredients heal the irritated membranes, soothe the sore throat, the antiseptic qualities kill the germ and your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. King's New Discovery has for 48 years been the standard remedy for coughs and colds in thousands of homes. Get a bottle to-day and have it handy in your medicine chest for coughs, colds, croup, gripe and all bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

OPENING IN NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

Seattle, Wash., April 24.—The six teams of the Northwestern baseball league line up today for the start of the pennant race of 1917. Weather permitting, Vancouver plays its initial game this afternoon at Tacoma, Butte meets the 1916 champions at Spokane, and Seattle entertains the Great Falls team. Efforts have been made to strengthen the weaker teams since the close of last season and all of the managers appear optimistic over their chances to win the flag. The season will continue until September 9.

STANDARD OIL SAYS NOT RESPONSIBLE

DENIES ALLEGATION IN REPORT TO SENATE THAT HIGH PRICE OF GASOLINE IS ITS FAULT.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 24.—The Standard Oil Company today issued a statement that it knows of no artificial price conditions in the gasoline fields, and declaring that it has scrupulously observed the United States supreme court's dissolution decree. This is in answer to the report of the federal trade commission today to the senate in which it declares that the domination of the gasoline field by the Standard Oil company is largely responsible for the high gasoline prices in the past two years.

SPANNELL TRIAL BEGUN.

By Associated Press.
Goleman, Texas, April 24.—After several delays which threatened continuance, Harry Spannell's trial for killing Col. M. C. Butler began today with the selection of the jury. The defense took steps to widen the range of the testimony and to let in evidence barred at the San Angelo trial.

Ten jurors were obtained at noon. As the venire was then exhausted, the court ordered a recess until 4 o'clock.

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIANS.

Salisbury, N. C., April 24.—Salisbury is entertaining for two days the eleventh annual convention of the North Carolina Library Association. Representatives of city, college and school libraries throughout the State were in attendance at the opening of the proceedings today.

DAUGHTERS OF 1812.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—With the departure of the Daughters of the American Revolution from the city, the national capital today was invaded by another army of patriotic women recruited from all sections of the country. The new invading force comprises the delegates to the annual congress of the National Society of United States Daughters of 1812. The sessions of the gathering are being held at the New Willard, with Mrs. Robert Hall Wiles of Chicago presiding.

WORTH THE RISK.

Dear Auntie Mabel had sent the three Morgan children a very beautiful imitation fruit each, made of sugar and nicely colored.

Mrs. Morgan thought they ought to be saved; the kids thought differently.

"Now, you really mustn't eat them, you know," explained mother, in a last desperate effort. "They look awfully pretty, but I'm not sure that the coloring may not be dangerous. In fact," she went on, dropping her voice in an awesome whisper, "I have heard of children dying from eating colored things."

She thought that would do the trick, but early next morning she heard a sound out on the landing and, going to see who was astir so early, found Elsie trotting along the passage.

"Where are you going, dear?" she asked. "It's not six o'clock yet."

"Going to see if Dick and Arthur are dead yet," replied the eight-year-old miss. "I'm not."—Tit-Bits.

Some Good Advice.

"Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.

Its Magnitude Astounds Them.

The English have always claimed the United States as a cousin, but when that bill to raise seven billion was reported they must have thought us their big brother.—Beaumont Journal.

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WILL STILL BE NECESSARY.

Even though the strikes in Germany should end in a general revolution which eliminates the Hohenzollern house, the war between Germany and her other enemies will not be ended until every vestige of the militaristic Frankenstein created by the German rulers has vanished. For it is by no means certain, even though it is probable, that the people of Germany will refuse in future to be dominated by the military caste.

There is always the hope that the industrial and agricultural elements of the various German states will come into their own—if not now, at least after Prussian militarism has been abolished. Art, science, invention, initiative in any line—all have been made subservient to the war god, and unless the signs are false, the people are becoming wearied of a system which takes their all and gives nothing in return but an iron cross and a row of graves.

Even motherhood has been for years past but a part of the machinery for turning out soldiers. The "good, loyal mother" was she who bore many sons for "My" army or navy, and the disloyal one was the fortunate mother who bore no sons to be brought back to her bleeding and dying.

German science has for years been prostituted to the discovery of

and which it was supposed no one else could secure. German industry was debased into laying up stores of gold and weapons, and Germans agriculture was robbed in order that the army food stores should never be lessened.

And all for what? What has been the profit of the German laborer or the German mechanic in this gradual approach to the gates of war? While other nations were extending their boundaries or increasing their trade with foreign countries, Germany was heavily taxing her people for the war which she had planned for a generation, and now that the war is almost ended, nothing is left of the great stores of money, food or munitions of war, and the people, through not an inch of their soil has yet been invaded, are nearly as badly off as the people of France and Belgium, with an enormous indemnity staring them in the face.

Our great army which is being raised will still be necessary. For even if the Hohenzollerns are dethroned, there will still remain the menace of the Junkers and the nobles who believe in their right to rule. There will still be the great landowners and other wealthy men who will object to the payment of the indemnity and will raise the old cry of "Deutschland ueber Alles," for the sake of deceiving the poor workers into holding out against peace terms.

And so long as there remains a shadow of the wrong which has misruled Germany and which threatened the rest of Europe it will be necessary for us to remain under arms.

Only when the proletariat comes into its own in Germany and Austria will there be any prospect of peace for the future. The people are not now as ignorant as those who forced the Red Terror upon the nobles of France, and the nobles of today are not so arrogant as those who laughed under the shadow of guillotine. And so there will not be the terrible deeds of the French revolution to stain the pages of the German revolution, and the triumph of the people will be more worthy of its continuance and its success.

And there is still a menace to free America on this continent, which will need the strong hand of armed force to wipe out—the menace of anarchy, of bloodshed without reason, and of robbery without shame. The American army will find plenty to do for the next few years, after which it may come about that there will be no more wars.

We may not have to strike a blow against Germany, if the reports which come from that unfortunate country are true. But there is still need for us to prepare and to remain prepared until the day when the nations shall be willing to enter into a confederation to war no more.

CITIZENS' TRAINING CAMPS.

The citizens' training camps to furnish the "first ten thousand officers" for the new army will open May 8, that for Texas being located at Leon Springs, some 30 miles north of San Antonio.

The circular issued by the war department concerning the camps says that, besides the members of the Officers' Reserve Corps, those who will be accepted are:

"Any white, male citizen of the United States who, on May 8, 1917, will have passed the age of twenty years and nine months and will not yet have reached his forty-fourth birthday, and who is of sound physical condition, of good moral character and of good education—a college graduate, or a senior in college, or clearly a well educated man."

At the present crisis there is, in our opinion, too much stress being laid upon the requirement of a "good education," especially as in the European armies many men have proven their worth as commissioned officers—some of them of comparatively high rank—who could not meet the requirement of "college man or senior in college."

There are many Americans who could not possibly pass this requirement, yet who would undoubtedly make good and efficient army officers. During our Civil War there were many who rose to high command who could not pass an examination to enter a college, yet their efficiency was attested by their enemies, as well as by those who fought under them.

There are many enlisted men in the United States army who are competent to hold commissioned rank, especially in war time, yet who could not pass an examination such as is required of college men. They are efficient soldiers, well trained in all the duties of a soldier, and they have that priceless attribute which no college training can ever give—"command of men," without which no officer can ever succeed.

Stress is laid upon the requirements mentioned in the circular as follows: Character and sobriety, personality, address and force, reputation and standing in the community, and whether the candidate is likely to command the respect of officers and enlisted men, as well as whether he has education.

With respect to one of the requirements—standing in the community—it might as well be dropped. There are men who have standing in Laredo who would not have any standing in Chicago, and vice versa. And a man's standing as an officer is not based upon what "home folks" think of him. The man who can command the respect of his men and the liking of his associates is the man who best succeeds as an officer.

During the past fifty years there have been a number of high grade cadets appointed to West Point and Annapolis, who have easily passed every educational test, who had high standing in their respective communities, and yet who miserably failed in some point or other before their course was completed.

There have been men who were rather looked down upon at home, who got through "by the skin of their teeth" when it came to examinations, and who in spite of these "draw-backs," as the present circular would indicate, made brilliant, hard-fighting officers, who won the respect of their men and who rendered honor to their country in active service.

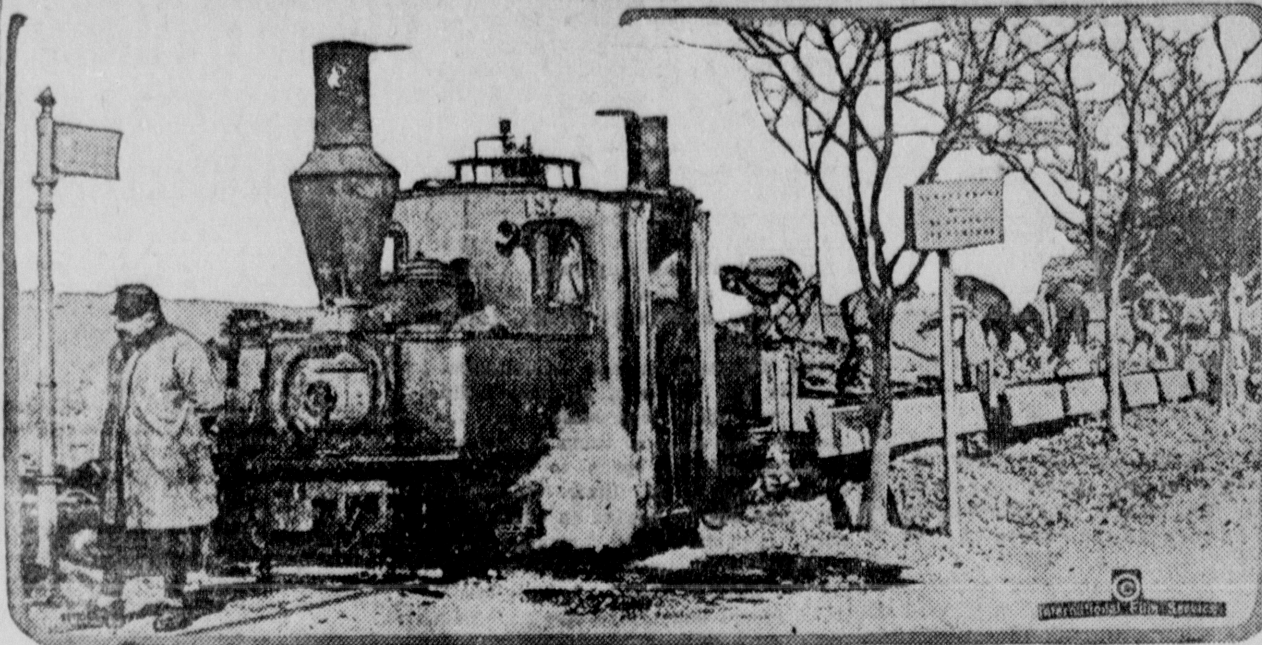
Napoleon was noted for nothing but mathematics in his student days. Grant was a mediocre scholar. Shafter had practically no education at all, save that gained in the army after his appointment succeeding the Civil War. Many other instances could be cited of men without a "good education," such as is now required, succeeding as army officers and winning to high place.

It is disappointing to find the shibboleth of "college education" creeping up at this period. One could almost expect the ghost of Nathan Bedford Forrest to rise and give his famous definition of strategy, or one of Napoleon's marshals to come forth from the grave and tell how he won battles although he could hardly write his name.

Two German destroyers—perhaps three—have been sunk in a German sea raid near Dover. This surprises us, for we had no idea that William would risk his precious ships so far from home unless they could dive.

Now that Turkey has broken off diplomatic relations, there is only one country which we are hoping will muster up spunk enough to sass us. But as the ruler will have to either

FRENCH FRONT IS NETWORK OF LIGHT RAILWAYS



Most of the roads in the western war area now have light railways on either side over which the peculiar little engines, one of which is shown here, transport supplies to the trenches.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

APRIL 23

Frederick C. Penfield, returning American Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, whose diplomatic rupture with this country two weeks ago has closed the American Embassy at Vienna, is 62 years old today. Even before the rupture came. Mr. Penfield had started home, ostensibly on what was termed a visit to his Government at Washington, but for what appears now to have been "inside information" regarding the situation. Meanwhile, Count Tarnowski, the Austrian envoy to Washington, had never been received by President Wilson. The returning diplomat, who is a native of Connecticut, began his career as a journalist several years of study in America. England and Germany. He began his service of the Government in 1885 as a vice-consul at London, from there going to Egypt, with the title of Diplomatic Agent and Consul-General, and rank of Minister Resident. It was while stationed there that he began to attract attention at home by his articles on economic and diplomatic questions affecting the United States in its international policies. Through these he has won recognition as a political thinker not only in America but in Great Britain and France, and been honored by divers foreign literary and scientific bodies. He was appointed Ambassador to Vienna in July, 1913.

ANOTHER LAREDO CASE.

It Proves That There's A Way Out for Many Suffering Laredo Folks.

Just another report of a case in Laredo. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Laredo with Don's Kidney Pills.

Frank Camille, 1919 Hidalgo St., Laredo, says: "The passages of the kidney secretions were too frequent and my back hurt me. I had pains when I stooped over. Finally I used Don's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back stopped and my kidneys became normal." (Statement given November 18, 1911).

On May 17, 1915, Mr. Camille said: "I haven't had to use any kidney medicine in the past few years because Don's Kidney Pills have permanently cured me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Don's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Camille has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

get shaved or learn English so that we can understand him, there is little hope that he will proceed to extreme measures.

Germany asked a safe conduct from us for Ambassador Bernstorff. He was given one, and he reached Germany safely. Germany granted a safe conduct to a Dutch ship and sunk her almost before she left the harbor. But we do not seal our safe conducts with a double cross.

Legal procedure is speeding up in New York. A man was given a reprieve of nine minutes while his application for a writ of habeas corpus was heard and denied, and was then electrocuted. No. Hortense; not months—minutes.

TIMES WANT ADS.
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VOICE OF TEXAS.

Swat the Fly.

We hate to do this, but our schedule of journalistic requirements says it is time to say "swat the fly." The authorities that we study on the subject say the flies lay at such a rate if a hen could be found to equal such performances a man would only need one hen one month to get in control of all the money in the world. We feel that this claim is slightly exaggerated, but still it is best not to take chances. Therefore, swat the fly.—Palestine Herald.

Like His Predecessors?

It develops now that the million dollars reported being brought into Texas by a Carranzista and supposedly private funds of the constitutional president, to be concealed somewhere in the states, was in fact intended and so applied to the payment of Mexican soldiers in northern Mexico. However, there is little doubt but what Mexico's chief has a stake laid away somewhere to be used when his hour shall strike, as strike it will in the fullness of time.—Denison Herald.

Negro Never a Traitor.

The principal of the Commerce colored school declares that the negro never was a traitor to the United States, and that in case of war the colored man will be found in the front ranks upholding the integrity of the republic. The teacher declares the negro is not hyphenated and knows but one flag—the stars and stripes. The declaration of Prof. Meadows was brought out by numerous questions as to what the attitude of the negro will be in case of war. The loyalty of the negro, as a whole, to the United States is not a matter for serious question.—Greenville Banner.

Commends the Governor

The Courier-Times congratulates Governor Ferguson on vetoing the free pass bill. It is a measure that is fraught with much evil and can do good. A member of the Texas legislature or any state official is not any more entitled to a pass than the humblest justice of the peace in the state. There ought not to be free passes for anybody on the railroads except employees in actual service of the roads, and certainly lawmakers ought not to receive free passes.—Tyler Times-Courier.

Texas Could Attene to Job.

If an invasion from Mexico should be attempted all Uncle Sam would have to do would be furnish Texans the guns and ammunition. The rest of the country could go right along attending to those things necessary to the rest of the country. Texans could attend to the Texas job.—Palestine Herald.

Raise Sweet Potatoes.

If you raise only ninety bushels of sweet potatoes, which you can readily sell at \$1.00 per bushels, it is better than a \$90.00 bale of cotton, because the potatoes cost less to cultivate, less to harvest, and need only about one-eighth of the land. Raise sweet potatoes.—Alice Echo.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1662—Charter of Connecticut granted by Charles II, and John Winthrop appointed Governor.
- 1791—James Buchanan, 15th President of the United States, born; died June 1, 1868.
- 1823—The foundation laid of the first Protestant Episcopal church ever built in France.
- 1834—Chauncey M. Depew, former U. S. Senator from New York and famous speaker, born at Peekskill, N. Y.
- 1848—United States exploring expedition reached the Dead Sea, which was circumnavigated for the first time in history, by the American explorers.
- 1864—Tercentenary of Shakespeare's birth celebrated throughout the British Isles.
- 1895—Russia, France and Germany protested against Japan retaining any Chinese territory she had taken.
- 1898—President McKinley issued a call for 125,000 volunteers for the Spanish War.
- 1910—A cold storm in the Middle West caused \$30,000,000 damage.
- 1913—Scutari was captured by the Montenegrins at the end of an entire day's ceaseless fighting, the climax of a six month's siege.
- 1914—Striking miners in Colorado destroyed mining properties by fire and dynamite.
- 1914—Gen. Frederick Funston ordered to Vera Cruz with army regulars.
- 1915—A woman suffrage constitutional amendment adopted by Danish Diet.
- 1915—THE WAR: Germans repeat tremendous attack on Ypres, but British Canadian and Belgians hold. British blockade of German West Africa officially declared.
- 1916—THE WAR: The British admitted a defeat at the hands of the Turks in Mesopotamia; Turkish forces destroyed a British camp near Quatia, east of the Suez Canal, taking 300 prisoners. Germans continue unsuccessful assaults on Le Mort Homme at Verdun.



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OLD I. W. HARPER WHISKEY
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LITTLE LOCALS

—The contest for the election of a little miss who will represent the schools of Laredo at the May fete on May 1 as queen of the May will close tonight at 9 o'clock, when the final result of the contest will be made known. There is much interest in the race as it draws to a close.

—How was your milk this morning? Quality milk never disappoints. Beckers' Jersey Dairy. Phone 711. 4-23-17.

—When you need an express wagon call Telephone No. 546. 4-10-1m.

—We are introducing a new coffee, the Economy Special, 30 cts. per pound. Try it. Economy Grocery. 3-29-17.

—Both the federal and the district courts are grinding away in Laredo now, the federal court having been in session since last Monday, while the district court convened this morning.

—Free! Free! Free! Studebaker service. 3-29-17.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Cockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas. 4-2-1m.

—News item a la Censor: "Somebody somewhere somehow someway somewhat somewhat. Period. Approved."

—Expert hair work; your combings made into switches, curls, transformations, etc. Work called for and delivered. Eastern Hair Shop, 910 Juarez ave., Phone 147. 4-23-17.

—French perfumes. Hublgan's, Piver's, Pinaud and R. & Gallet; also best American perfumes. Refugio Drugstore, wholesale and retail. Market Plaza. 3-1-17.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Pedro Ortiz and Mrs. Porfiria Ortiz, Arthur Lowe and Miss Minnie Anderson, Ignacio Abrego and Miss Guadalupe Martinez. 3-26-1m.

—Will sell brick house, two lots 25x50, four frame houses, one block from car line on Heights. Information 901 Hidalgo. 3-26-1m.

—The following deed was filed for record with the county clerk today: Mrs. Dolores G. de Salinas and daughter, Miss Zenaida Salinas, to S. N. Johnson, lot No. 7, in block No. 2, W. D. Consideration, \$7,500.

—Autos painted; work guaranteed. Jose Vasquez at Fidel Cantu's, phone 202. 2-9-17.

—Studebaker. 3-29-17.

—At the closing of the Ojuelos school the gold medals donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Coleman of San Antonio were won by the following pupils: Girls' medal for best general average, Miss Christina Guerra; boys' medal for best general average, Master Raymundo Laurel. The trustees and the teacher, Miss Pauline Roach, are very grateful to the donors, and very proud of the work of the children.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-17 (Adv.)
—Doctors Wilson & Stafford, DENTISTS. Crown and bridge work, pyorrhea and diseases of the gums a specialty. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746. 1-3-17.

—Yesterday morning the Baptist church decided to hold a meeting, beginning next Sunday, the pastor to do the preaching.

—Thirty millions for free service. Studebaker. 3-29-17.

—The annual offering for combined home and foreign missions at the Baptist church ran over \$200, and after all counts are in it will be double last year's offering, says the pastor.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times of Mee. 10-11-17.


—Last night at the Baptist church there was a house full of people to hear Maj. Dan Morgan Smith, the lecturer of the National Anti-Saloon League. An interesting feature was the fact that Rev. W. L. Barr of the Methodist church dismissed his services and brought his congregation over to hear the Major.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-17. 4-4-17.

—As a result of both the federal and district courts being in session in Laredo, there are a large number of gentlemen here from various parts of the county serving in the capacity of jurors.

Rub the joints with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone, conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

Voting Ends Tonight.
The voting for the May Queen closes tonight at nine o'clock and that hour the final count will be held.



CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable.
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

INJURED BY AN EXPLOSION EARLY ON SUNDAY MORNING

THREE OF TRAIN CREW OF AN UNION SPECIAL SCALDED.

Engineer Phillips, Fireman Wade and Brakeman Lawrence the Victims; Wade's Injuries Thought Fatal.

A serious and very painful accident happened to three members of the train crews of a special union train which left Laredo early yesterday morning. As a result of the accident three men who were in the cab of the locomotive at the time were seriously scalded about the body, face and hands, and one of them so badly that his condition was quite critical.

The men in the cab of the locomotive at the time of the accident, which occurred at Orville, about ten miles north of Laredo, at about 5 o'clock Sunday morning, were Engineer Phillips, Fireman Wade and Brakeman Lawrence. When the train reached Orville it was decided to stop there and raise the steam to a higher degree, as the long train of loaded cars was a hard pull. Fireman Wade was standing near the firebox when suddenly the crown sheet of the boiler fell off and an explosion occurred, a blast of steam shot out and all three men suffered from scalding, and while the engineer and brakeman were painfully scalded about the body and hands, Fireman Wade, who was standing in front of the firebox at the time received the full force of the escaping steam and was prostrated on the floor of the cab.

Immediately following the explosion, the cause of which was not learned, the three injured men were placed in the caboose of the train and attached to the engine of another train which came up, were rushed to Laredo for medical treatment. Their injuries were attended to here, but it was decided to send them to the company hospital at Palestine and they were taken there on the noon train. At the time of departure the condition of Fireman Wade was considered very precarious and there were little hopes of his recovery.

To have a fine healthy complexion—the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using HERBINE. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. x

FEDERAL COURT STILL ON.

Grand Jury Still at Work and Petit Jury Excused Until Tuesday Morning; No Business Today.

The United States Court for the Southern District of Texas, which convened in this city on last Monday morning, is still in session and the tribunal is very apt to remain at work throughout the week, as the grand jury is still at work and developments in matters of interest may be called to their attention as they transpire.

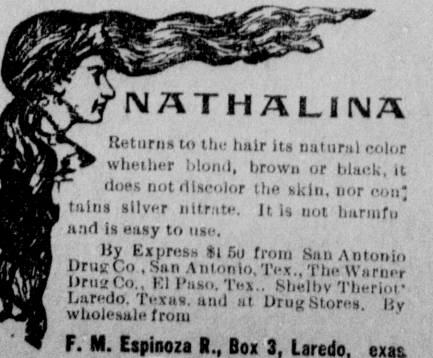
This morning there was no business disposed of in the court, as the petit jury was excused until tomorrow morning, while the grand jury returned no additional bills of indictment. This will be the longest term of federal court held here in some time.

Card of Thanks.

The teacher of Ojuelos school, the trustees and Prof. B. Richardson, county superintendent, desire to extend to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Coleman of San Antonio their sincere thanks for the encouragement given the school by the donation of two gold medals for the boy and girl making the best general average during the year. The boy and girl who won the prizes are also grateful to the donors.

(Miss) PAULINE ROACH,
B. RICHARDSON,
L. OCHOA,
F. G. RODRIGUEZ.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.
Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of strains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of gripe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.



NATHALINA
Returns to the hair its natural color whether blond, brown or black, it does not discolor the skin, nor contains silver nitrate. It is not harmful and is easy to use.
By Express \$1.50 from San Antonio Drug Co., San Antonio, Tex., The Warner Drug Co., El Paso, Tex., Shelby Theriot, Laredo, Texas, and at Drug Stores. By wholesale from
F. M. Espinoza R., Box 3, Laredo, Texas.

DISTRICT COURT CONVENES AND GRAND JURY IS AT WORK

APRIL TERM OF COURT FOR
WEBB COUNTY NOW IN SESSION

Grand Jury After Being Empanelled
Repaired to Their Quarters and
Began Their Deliberations.

The April term of the district court of the Forty-ninth Judicial District for Webb county was convened at the county courthouse in Laredo this morning by Judge J. F. Mullally, with the following members of the court in attendance: Judge Mullally, District Attorney John A. Valls, District Clerk E. E. Ochoa, Sheriff Antonio Salinas, Court Stenographer Seb S. Wilcox and Court Interpreter C. N. Idar, in addition members of the local visiting bars.

The first order of business after the convening of court was the calling of the names of those summoned to appear from which to select the grand jury for the term, and after this was done the panel of the grand jury was formed with the following members:

Clarence Jefferies, foreman; H. Borchers, A. C. Richter, L. A. Reiser, Dario Sanchez, Sr., Leonard Nelson, J. A. MacDonald, J. C. Martin, Joe Henry, A. Saft, Jesus Salinas and F. H. Ligarde.

Bailiffs to grand jury—Mounted: Juan Rodriguez, E. Martinez and Onesimo Herrera. Foot—Luis Gonzales, Agapito Herrera, Dolores Gonzales.

After hearing the charge read to them by Judge Mullally, the grand jury immediately repaired to their quarters on the third floor of the county courthouse building and began consideration of matters directed to their attention by District Attorney Valls. There are a number of prisoners in the county jail with criminal charges against them, and all these will receive consideration at the hands of the grand jury.

A special feature of Judge Mullally's charge to the grand jury was his emphatic instructions to investigate diligently all treasonable acts, and alleged treasonable acts, and to indict wherever the facts justified an indictment, and where evidence did not justify an indictment for them to call the party before the court and administer to him a severe reprimand. Judge Mullally also charged the grand jury to investigate the murder of John T. Rossetti.

The only business transacted in the court this morning other than the empanelling of the grand jury was the calling of the civil docket and setting civil cases for trial on certain dates of the term.

TRAINING SCHOOL STARTED FOR OFFICERS RESERVE ARMY

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
ARE AFTER COMMISSIONS.

School of Instruction Began This
Morning for Officers Reserve Corps
on Former 4th Missouri Grounds.

The training camp for officers of the reserve corps, consisting of non-commissioned officers of the Ninth Infantry regiment, the Thirty-seventh Infantry regiment, the Squadron of the Fourth Cavalry and Batteries E and F, Third Field Artillery, who have been recommended by their regimental, battalion or company commanders, began its work at the old Fourth Missouri Camp grounds this morning in charge of Major Kirby Walker and his staff of assistants and will continue in session for the term of twelve weeks.

The assembling of the applicants for the training school was begun on Friday and by Saturday afternoon all had been enrolled and made ready for beginning work this morning. The applicants will be put through a course of training somewhat similar to that at West Point Military Academy. There are many non-commissioned officers taking the course of instruction that are very capable in every way on account of their long service in the army service, and at the conclusion of the course of training they will be recommended for the rank of captain, first lieutenant or second lieutenant, according to the merits of their work and subsequent examinations.

There are about 175 non-commissioned officers in the training school and the heavy draft on the various commands here has practically depleted some of the organizations of their "non-coms," especially the two batteries of field artillery, and consequently a number of promotions of privates to the rank of first class privates will be made, while first-class privates will be advanced to corporals and sergeants to fill the vacancies created by the non-commissioned officers entering the training school and being applicants for commissions as officers of the reserve corps of the army.

Card of Thanks.

The Boy Scouts of Laredo wish to extend to Mr. Roberts, manager of the Strand Theater, their thanks and appreciation for the benefit given for them on Thursday of last week.

FRED MILLER,
Scout Master.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Tournament Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. L. J. Christen at half after three in the afternoon.

Tuesday.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. A. P. Nye at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Rectory with Mrs. C. W. Cook at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio Garcia and daughter, Miss Amalia, returned home yesterday from a several days visit to San Antonio.

Little Alice Penn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justo S. Penn, returned home yesterday from a few days visit to San Antonio.

Mrs. E. S. Vidaurri returned yesterday from a short visit to relatives in San Antonio.

Mrs. Luis A. Lafon and children returned home yesterday from San Antonio after a week's visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. Tallaferro arrived yesterday from Austin to join her husband and make Laredo her future home. Mr. Tallaferro is connected with the Daily Times.

Mrs. Chas. Moser and Mrs. H. M. Schmidt returned home yesterday from a few days visit to San Antonio.

Mrs. Frank Nye went to San Antonio on Thursday to visit her sons, who are at Camp Wilson.

Mrs. A. C. Richter returned home yesterday from a visit to relatives in San Antonio.

Mrs. Frank Lattig and Miss Etta Thaison returned home yesterday from San Antonio.

Mrs. Dow of Pearsall returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit of several weeks to her daughter, Mrs. Peyton Kerr.

Mrs. J. C. Seymour left yesterday for El Paso, where she goes to make her home with her son.

Capt. and Mrs. Beukema expect to leave Laredo about the first of May. Capt. Beukema has been assigned to the Engineer Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tierney are occupying the Seymour home on Juarez avenue.

Mrs. Sam Withoff is in San Antonio visiting relatives.

Mrs. Harry Lee and little daughter Josephine left Saturday for San Antonio to join Col. Lee.

Mrs. P. L. Matthews, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Derby, are expected to arrive today from Santo Tomas. Mrs. Matthews will be the guest of Mrs. G. W. Derby while in the city.

Announcements.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club will hold their regular meeting Mrs. A. P. Nye on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. The president urges a full attendance of active and associate members, as there will be an election of officers for the ensuing year; and also to become acquainted with next year's work, Folk Lore, Balladry and History of Music. These are University extension courses, and have strong lecturers who are exceptionally capable. The program for tomorrow afternoon will prove very interesting. The subject will be "Toben" under the leadership of Mrs. Wilmer Threadgill. Names for membership may be presented at the first meeting in May. We mention this for the benefit of those who would like to present their names for membership, so they can approach the members or the president. The club has made wonderful strides in their work, and an afternoon spent with the ladies proves very interesting as well as instructive.

Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club on Thursday afternoon, and the Tuesday Bridge Club on Friday afternoon.

Entertainments.

Mrs. J. C. Martin entertained the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club and additional guests on Saturday afternoon with a charmingly appointed party. The rooms were beautifully decorated in La France roses and pink and white sweet peas. The series of games of bridge resulted in Mrs. S. M. Barlow scoring high and winning the club prize, and Mrs. M.

T. Cogley won the guest prize, both being handsome embroidered lunch cloths. After the games the guests were served with a delightful two-course luncheon. The personnel included: Club members—Mesdames E. H. Buenz, Foster, Cluck, Barlow, Garlick, Shiner, Martin, Muller, Vidales, Weber; guests—Mesdames Cogley, Austin, Fish, Halsell, Sauvignat, Leyendecker, John Martin, Henry, Hewitt, Misses Eva Austin and Adela Bruni.

Miss Marjorie Ruckman entertained very delightfully on Saturday evening with a box party at the Strand Theatre followed by supper at the officers' club at Fort McIntosh honoring a number of officers of the Thirty-seventh and additional friends.

Baptism.

Lidia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Laurel, was baptized at San Agustin Cathedral, at half after three o'clock Sunday afternoon. The god-parents were Mr. and Mrs. G. Rodriguez. Mr. and Mrs. Laurel entertained a number of friends and relatives at their home very delightfully following the ceremony.

Wedding.

Mr. William Anderson announces the marriage of his daughter to Mr. Arthur C. Lowe of San Antonio, yesterday morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. Jose Coma performed the ceremony. After a wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Lowe left on the noon train for San Antonio where they will make their home. Only relatives and intimate friends were present.

White Crest Demonstration.

Menu for Tuesday afternoon at the Stover furniture store: Date bread sandwiches, Russian salad with mayonnaise dressing, white loaf cake. Mrs. Mally won the sunshine cake given away at the White Crest cooking school Saturday.

Notice to Public.

The Scout Master urges the parents of the Boy Scouts of Laredo to be present at a meeting to be held at Elks Hall Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Matters of importance pertaining to the work will be discussed.

TOTAL 1073 CARS ONIONS.

Eighty-one Carloads Shipped Out Saturday Night and Fifty-three Carloads on Sunday Night.

Trainload shipments of Bermuda onions from Laredo to markets in various parts of the country continue to roll out. On Saturday night four special trainloads pulled out carrying a total of eighty-one carloads, while on Sunday night three more trainloads pulled out with a total of fifty-one carloads, making a total of 134 carloads shipped since last report.

The total number of carloads of onions shipped out from here so far this season now aggregate 1,073 cars. From general appearance less than half the crop of onions have been shipped and the indications now are that the grand total of at least 2,500 carloads will roll out of the Laredo section before the season is terminated.

Hello, Bill!

Tonight is regular meeting night of Laredo Lodge No. 1018 B. P. O. E. After the business session there will be a "smoker." Be sure and attend. G. R. WEBER, Sec'y.

GETTING BOSTON RECRUITS



Mrs. Vivian Whitall Adams, wife of Capt. John Quincy Adams of the United States marine corps, stationed at the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard, who has taken up a station at the marine corps recruiting tent on Boston Commons and is aiding in bringing recruits into the corps. Mrs. Adams is a native of Turkey and is of English parentage. She has just returned from an eight months' trip through the war zone in western Europe.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of a torpid liver. HERBINE is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

PERSONALS

I. B. Kantowitz, representing the Red Wing Advertising Co., is in the city calling on the trade.

Dr. H. C. Hall returned Saturday from a business trip to El Paso and he will leave this evening on business for Virginia.

Floyd McGown, Esq. and son, Floyd, Jr. of San Antonio are in the city for a visit to their son and brother, Davis McGown.

Chas. G. Shely and Geo. H. Bradford of the Alamo Construction Co. of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning.

Adolfo N. Magnon, presidente de la Junta Incautacion de el Banco Mercantil de Vera Cruz, with headquarters in the City of Mexico, arrived in the city Saturday from New York where he spent several weeks on business and he expects to leave tomorrow for Mexico. Mrs. Magnon and children, who have been visiting relatives and friends here for some time will accompany Mr. Magnon home.

BENDER:—G. C. Lyon, San Antonio; T. J. Holbrook, Galveston; C. Matenkamp, New York; E. Heyman, San Antonio; Gordon Crenshaw, Fort Worth; J. L. Baunmon and wife, San Antonio; H. Nelson, League; Dan Moran Smith, Chicago; George Johnson, New York; N. A. Gadd, Mexico; A. B. Pumphrey, San Antonio; C. B. Brocke, Chicago; T. E. C. Johnson, Syracuse; J. W. Blanding, Florida; C. J. Boothroyd, Robstown; S. T. Maely, H. A. Daby, W. J. Schnee, John A. Shirley, T. W. Calston, W. T. Hannan, Gwatney, San Antonio; Dr. C. C. Pierce, San Francisco, Cal.; A. H. Walker, San Antonio; W. L. Dublin, Jacksonville; George Rome, E. F. Gariehl, L. G. Hall, San Antonio; James Otey, Houston; J. F. Ennis, Pittsburg, Pa.; B. H. Cobb, San Antonio; D. P. Allen, Chicago; J. B. Kantowitz, Red Wing.

Constipation and indigestion. These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

HARVARD TO FURNISH 2000 MEN.

Cambridge, Mass., April 23.—The enlisting of 1000 additional students at Harvard for military service was begun today, following the end of the spring vacation and the opening of the new college term. Already 1000 cadets have been enrolled as candidates for commissions in the reserve officers' corps. On May 7 a total of 2000 students will abandon their books and go in for intensive military training to the exclusion of all else.

Clear Your Skin in Spring.

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills to night and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At druggists, 25c.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair, warmer. Tuesday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 88 degs.
Min. temp. 41 degs.
General direction of wind: South.
Clear.

FINE FOR RHEUMATISM!

Musterole Loosens Up Those Stiff Joints—Drives Out Pain

You'll know why thousands use Musterole once you experience the glad relief it gives.

Get a jar at once from the nearest drug store. It is a clean, white ointment, made with the oil of mustard. Better than a mustard plaster and does not blister. Brings ease and comfort while it is being rubbed out.

Musterole is recommended by many doctors and nurses. Millions of jars are used annually for bronchitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).



BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS TODAY DEBATED ADMINISTRATION BILL FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT

Texas Senate Endorsed Wilson's Plan of Conscription—Plan for Co-operation of School Children, with Greater Part of Teachers, Boy Scouts and Others to Increase Crop Production.

MAY POSTPONE TRIAL.

By Associated Press.

Coleman, Texas, April 23.—It was uncertain at noon if the trial of Harry Spannell for killing Col. Butler could proceed. An important witness for the state is ill.

NORTHWESTERN BOWLING TOURNAMENT.

Portland, Ore., April 23.—The annual championship tournament of the Northwestern International Bowling association gets under way here today and will continue through the week. Individual and team bowlers from Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, Victoria and several other cities are entered in the tournament.

SECOND SPANELL TRIAL.

Coleman, Texas, April 23.—The second trial of Harry J. Spannell, former hotel keeper in the town of Alpine, who is alleged to have shot and killed his wife and Lieut. Col. Malcolm C. Butler, U. S. A., last July, is scheduled to begin here this week, the case having been brought to Coleman on change of venue. The tragedy occurred while Spannell and his alleged victims were riding in an automobile near the town of Alpine, where Lieut. Col. Butler was stationed at the time of the Mexican border troubles. Jealousy is said to have furnished the motive for the shooting. At San Angelo last February Spannell was tried for the murder of his wife and acquitted. He is now to be tried under an indictment charging him with the murder of Lieut. Col. Butler.

DAY ENGLAND'S PATRON SAINT.

London, April 23.—Today the Union Jack may be expected to flutter even more proudly on the battle fronts, while Tommy Atkins will inject additional "pep" into his fierce charges against the Teutons—for this is St. George's Day, the feast day of England's patron saint. Throughout the British dominions and in every other nook and corner of the world where sons of England have found a foothold the day will be enthusiastically observed.

Little is known of the life of St. George, except that he was martyred in Nicomedia in April, 303. He became extremely popular with the English crusaders, and was adopted as the tutelary saint of England during the reign of Edward III. It is interesting to note that St. George is also the patron saint of Russia and of Portugal, two of England's allies in the present war.

WOMEN IN THE NEWS.

The women students at Cornell University have as usual made a remarkable showing for high scholastic standing. Out of 24 students elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa for a high scholastic record, fourteen were women to twenty men, while the relative numbers of men and women student were about 750 women to 4250.

Frank, Nels and William Riley of Elk River, Minn., recently walked into a recruiting office in Minneapolis and enlisted in the Navy because, they declared, "Mother wouldn't have it any other way than that we should get into the service." Her first husband, the boys' father, was a soldier, as well as her second, E. W. Stewart, who is also dead. Mrs. Stewart being at present a widow. Her father, besides, was a soldier in the Mexican War. She had had no example or practice in raising her boys to be pacifists.

Miss Ethel M. Smith, recently a member of the staff of the Bureau of Labor statistics in Washington, has been appointed executive secretary for the Washington headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Miss Smith was once connected with the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce at Washington as an editor.

Weekly Weather Report.

Following is the report of meteorological observations taken by A. H. Nunn, co-operative observer of the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, for the week ending April 21:

Date.	Temp.	Precip.	Char.
	Max.	Min.	Inches.
14	89	57	.00
15	87	54	.00
16	86	63	.00
17	89	43	.00
18	87	62	.00
19	92	67	.25
20	75	49	.00
			Clear
			Fair
			Cloudy
			Cloudy
			Cloudy
			Fair
			Cloudy

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 23.—Both houses today debated the administration bill to create a big war army by selective conscription.

Texas Endorses Conscription.

Austin, Texas, April 23.—The senate today voted 19 to 2 endorsing President Wilson's selective conscription plan.

Children to Co-operate.

New York, April 23.—The National Child Labor committee today announced a plan for the co-operation of the children of the United States with the greater part of the teachers, Boy Scouts and playground directors, to increase crop production.

Patriotic Songs in Schools.

Austin, Tex., April 23.—The senate today sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and passed a resolution that patriotic songs shall be sung in the schools.

South Will Do Her Share.

Washington April 23.—"The South will do her share in the furrows as energetically as in the trenches," said Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, today on his return from his agricultural preparedness tour through Texas and other Southern states.

Plan Cuban Revolution.

New York, April 23.—An alleged plot to start a new Cuban revolution May 20 was exposed here today by the Republic of Cuba News Bureau, which will complain to the state department.

American Exports Increased.

Washington, April 23.—American exports for March exceed \$550,000,000, despite the submarine warfare. This is the second best record in the country's history.

British Visited Today.

Washington, April 23.—Mr. Balfour today visited Secretary Lansing and later both called upon President Wilson. Meantime, the British naval officers here, headed by Admiral De Chair, visited Secretary Daniels. The president and Mr. Balfour conversed earnestly for half an hour.

Use No Grain for Liquor.

Austin, Tex., April 23.—The senate today memorialized congress to prohibit the use of grain in the manufacture of liquor until the war is over.

Les Darcy Enlisted.

Memphis, Tenn., April 23.—Les Darcy, the Australian puglist accused of being a "slacker," today enlisted in the United States reserve aviation corps.

CONTINUED SILENCE CONFIRMS REPORTS

NOT ONLY IN GERMAN BUT IN
AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN

IS SPIRIT OF
UNREST.

By Associated Press.

London, April 23.—A pall of silence hangs over the Central empires, accentuating reports of the gravest internal troubles. There is evidence that the strikes in Germany are not over. There seems also to be a revolutionary spirit in Austria. In Sweden, meantime, the remarkable violence of food demands at Stockholm and unrebuked shouts elsewhere for a republic furnish food for thought.

British Begin Advance.

London, April 23.—The British, who have remained practically quiescent while the French made the great drive forward between Rheims and Soissons, have opened an attack on a wide front in the region of the Scarpe river. Today's official report says that a great battle is proceeding with satisfactory progress. The village of Trescault and the greater part of Harvinctourt wood have been captured. Gavette, the last of the Hindenburg line north of the Scarpe, and Guemappe, south of the river, also fell.

French Held in Check.

Paris, April 23.—While the British are going forward, the French infan-

CANNOT SELL LANDS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 23.—The supreme court today enjoined the Southern Pacific railway from disposing of the Oregon timber and mineral lands received by congressional grant.

JAIL WARDENS FACE TRIAL.

Birmingham, Ala., April 23.—The cases of A. B. Batson, Len Lavender and W. R. Orr, former inside wardens at the county jail, who were indicted following the sensational escape of D. D. Overton and six other prisoners, are docketed for trial this week in the criminal division of the circuit court. They are charged with having voluntarily allowed the prisoners to escape.

TO TRY TEXAS RANGERS ON MURDER CHARGE.

El Paso, Texas, April 23.—The case of Will Sands, a Texas ranger, under indictment for alleged murder, was called for trial here today. The charge grew out of the killing several months ago of Sergeant Owen Blaine of the Twenty-third United States Infantry.

MISTAKEN LOCATION.

A very young wife, in a strange hotel, trying to find her husband, and thinking he was taking a bath, knocked on the bathroom door and said:

"Honey, are you there?"
And a strange masculine voice replied:
"Madam, this is not a beehive; it's a bathroom."

LAREDO WON BOTH GAMES.

Defeated Lads From Cotulla in the Games Saturday and Sunday Afternoons by Good Margins.

Cotulla's baseball team, which arrived here on Saturday morning for a series of two games with the Laredo teams, met their Waterloo in both contests, the locals winning easily.

In the game on Saturday afternoon, which was witnessed by a comparatively small crowd of fans, Laredo defeated Cotulla by a score of 6 to 3, while the game yesterday afternoon was a clean-cut victory for the locals, who blanked the visitors and themselves annexed eight tallies. Baseball appears to have lost its old-time prestige in Laredo, judging from the small handful of people who were on hand Saturday and Sunday afternoons to witness the games.

Notice to Tax-payers.

Your city taxes for the year 1916 must be paid before the last day of this month. If you wish to avoid the penalty, etc., please call and pay them at once. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA,
City Tax Assessor.
4-14-16.

try is being held in check on the Aisne front and last week's gains are being consolidated. The artillery remains busy, however.

Turkey Breaks Relations.

From Tuesday's Daily.

USING THE CHILDREN.

The proposal to interest the school children of the United States in increasing our crop production is a better idea than that of some who believe the older children should take their part in the war by doing the work that men now do, in order that the latter may take their places in the ranks.

At first, the children will never have to work seriously in the increasing of crop productions. The plan seems to be to encourage the pupils, who will soon be idle for three months, in back yard gardening and the utilizing of vacant lots for the growing of necessary vegetables.

If the American children did as the bulk of the children of Germany, France, Belgium, Ireland and other countries have done for many years, there would now be no such crop shortage as that of which the people are complaining.

In those countries it is practically a crime to let any land go to waste which is capable of producing anything. There are few vacant lots in the European countries, for the reason that land is so costly that every inch of it has to produce something. Even the right of way along the railroads is utilized, and many thousands of bushels of potatoes and corn are grown there by the industrious people.

In the home gardens, which are a necessary part of the life of the European people, the children play an important part. They learn to weed and water the vegetables from their earliest childhood, and as they grow older they perform the heavier burdens, leaving the men and women of the family to earn the money income.

There is no harshness in teaching the children of the United States to produce a garden crop from waste or vacant lands. It requires little labor to produce quite a crop of vegetables for all that most of them need in plenty with water and sunshine, and an occasional weeding, to yield in plenty, and in

people it is at least as healthy an system as playing ball or croquet gives nothing or golf, and it is not cross and as some of these amusements. Even it keeps the children out in the open at the best time of the day, for little can be done to a garden in the heat of the day, and the best time to work is in the early morning or after the sun has descended low.

It is a good thing to give the children some object in life other than that of mere play and study. Most of the amusements of the children nowadays are confined to a daily picture show and the playground. Through the hot sun under a leather covered sphere. Not that the picture show and the ball playing are not good in their way, but both of them can be followed as well as doing the bit of garden work that is proposed.

If every city lot that now lies vacant were cultivated, there would be enough vegetables raised in most of our cities to supply the entire population. And when vegetables are almost worth their weight in gold, it is seen that gardening is also a valuable and money-saving, if not a money-making, occupation.

As high as 150 bushels of Irish potatoes can be grown to the acre, while 300 bushels of sweet potatoes can be grown in the same sized plot. The Laredo onions frequently bring as high as a car to the acre, which means that from 400 to 500 bushels are grown on that small space.

Other vegetables yield in proportion, and most of those for which we are now paying a high price in the market can be grown at no other cost than the water, the seed and a little labor.

By all means urge the children to do their bit. It will teach them a lesson of patriotism to let them know that they also are doing their share in keeping the country up to fighting trim, whether they carry a rifle or a hoe, and the latter will be the most needed before many months are past.

SWEDEN'S HOPELESS CASE.

Of all the neutral nations in the world, the case of Sweden is perhaps the most desperate. Surrounded on all sides by belligerents, her only approaches from the outside world the zone which is barred by both sides, there is little hope of outside aid reaching her, and without the aid of other nations Sweden must starve.

Above all, Sweden is much exercised over the fear that the United States, now that we have entered the war, will place an embargo on all exportation of foodstuffs, except to our allies, and this fear seems to be well founded.

Sweden does not produce enough food for her own use. It is true that in normal times she exports certain articles of food to other countries, but in return for these she imports what she cannot produce. And one of her best customers—Germany—has been shut off from communication with her by the naval blockade, while the one country from which she could expect aid—the United States—is now a belligerent, and any vessels carrying food to Sweden would be subject to capture or sinking by Germany, provided her armed vessels are capable of reaching the food ships.

It is suggested that we promise to keep our markets open to Sweden provided the latter secure a pledge

from Germany that commerce between the two countries be exempted from the submarine decree.

There are two factors which militate against such an agreement. First, Germany would not be apt to enter into any agreement to help Sweden, and second, if she did so promise she would not keep her promise.

The recent sinking of the food ships destined to relieve the sufferings of the Belgians, and to relieve Germany of the burden of maintaining them, is an example of how little the German government is disposed to help the neutrals or the distressed of any country, even when such aid would not interfere with military plans.

It would be foolish on our part to ship away any appreciable portion of our food supplies with the certainty that their ultimate destination would be the bottom of the ocean. We have none to waste, as we have already wasted many thousands tons of grain which have been sent to the bottom by German submarines, although the grain was not intended for the belligerents.

Sweden has been a good customer of the United States, and has sent us many needed articles in return for the food which we have sold her. But now she is unable to ship anything to us, since we have become a belligerent, and it seems to be clear that Germany will not allow her to receive anything from us, not even the food required to keep her population from starvation.

The policy of "rule or ruin," which seems to be the one policy to which the German government remains steadfast, may result in tumbling the pillars of her own temple about her ears, as her people are becoming tired of the useless slaughter and industrial waste.

Germany was never worse off than at present as regards food supplies. The deliberately falsified statements sent out concerning her ability to continue the war until she is the victor deceive no one, least of all her own starving people. And it must enrage those who have to live on the pitiful dole of the limited bread ration to see the deliberate destruction of food that might at least keep the innocent non-combatants alive.

Naturally we feel a deep sympathy for Sweden. She has been injured for no fault of her own, and we would like to help her. But of what use would it be to deplete our own stock of food if what we send is to be deliberately destroyed by the submarines, thus helping no one?

It is gratifying to believe that the end is not far, and that soon the nations of the world will be freed from this monstrous nightmare of Prussian devastation which recognizes no friends and makes enemies of all the world.

The Texas senate endorsed the president's plan of selective conscription. Pity some of our Texas congressmen are opposed to it, as it is one of the most democratic and most just propositions that has ever been advanced.

It is all very well for the Texas senate to resolve that patriotic songs shall be sung in the schools, but we hope that none of our school children will ever hear the senate singing one of them. That is, if the collective senate sings like some of the individual senators we know.

Les Darcy, the Austrian pugilist who would not enlist in his own army because there was more money in the first-fighting game, has enlisted in the American reserve aviation corps. Before the call comes he figures that he can earn a tidy little sum, and not be too much "up in the air" at that.

It is urged that our congress prohibit the use of grain in the manufacture of liquor until after the war is over. Heavens! What do they want us to drink—vodka? The Russians are the only people who ever learned to make whiskey out of potatoes. Perhaps we might utilize Jud Lewis' parsnips to good advantage.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

APRIL 24

William Elliott Gonzales, Minister from the United States to Cuba since 1913, through whose intermediary the United States made an open appeal to the Cubans, in the recent upheaval, for a judicial settlement of their political controversies, is 51 years old today. Minister Gonzales was born in Charleston, S. C., of mixed Spanish and American stock. He began his professional career as a journalist, and later gained political experience as private secretary to Governor Richardson. Resuming journalism in 1891, he joined the staff of the Columbia State, a paper which later he came to control and edit, and which from 1903 to 1913 was one of the most independent and outspoken of the newspapers of the South, freely challenging many of its political and social traditions. Mr. Gonzales is a Spanish War veteran, and in going to Cuba again trod the ground over which he had campaigned in 1898, and where he had remained throughout 1898 and 1899 as part of the American forces of occupation.

PEDRO GONZALES INDICTED IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY SETTING ON FOOT EXPEDITION

Now Known That Total Thirteen Indictments Returned So Far Against Members of the Gonzales Party.

Federal court is grinding away today and disposing of business coming before it. This morning the case of Ascension Bautista, charged with unlawfully transporting Chinamen, and who was indicted several days ago, was punished by a fine of \$65.

The grand jury this morning returned three bills of indictment against certain parties, one of them being Pedro Gonzales, the acknowledged leader of the Felicista revolution in Northeastern Mexico, who is charged by indictment with conspiracy and setting on foot a military expedition against a friendly nation. This makes a total of thirteen indictments against Felicistas, the other twelve being charged with enlisting themselves for foreign service.

The operations of Pedro Gonzales and his men are well known to the people of this section, as the Times has from time to time mentioned some of the flights between them and Carrancistas, as well as the battle near Zapata with a detachment of the Second Florida Infantry. Gonzales and Hinojosa were at the head of the force of men who crossed the Rio Grande at a point not far up the river from Laredo on the night of December 24. Carranza soldiers gave pursuit to the Gonzales men and drove them toward the interior and on January 5 the Felicistas recrossed to the American side down the river. Reorganizing his force and getting a few recruits, Gonzales again led his men across the Rio Grande into Mexico just below Zapata on January 28.

On February 15 the Felicistas again attempted to cross to the American side while being pursued by Carrancistas at Primavera, ten miles below Zapata, when they were greeted by a volley of bullets from a detachment of the Second Florida Infantry stationed at the point and who succeeded in capturing one of the Felicistas, together with seven horses and a quantity of supplies. This was the last heard of the Felicista cause in this immediate section, but Uncle Sam's men were not asleep on their jobs and have kept the movements of the Felicistas under surveillance.

Nature Cures, The Doctor Takes the Fee. There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

BUILDING ON WEST HALF. Portion of Richter Store Completed and Occupied and Work of Breaking Ground on West Half to Begin. The east half of the handsome new home of the One Price Department Store has been completed and is now occupied on both floors, where the patrons of the store can transact business without any inconvenience, as the various departments have been temporarily arranged pending the completion of the west half of the substantial and modern new building.

The east half was completed some days ago and the stock of goods removed therein from the west half. Now the west half of the old building has been razed and the work of putting down the foundation and beginning actual construction work on the other half of the building will begin within the next day or two, as the site has been cleared of the debris.

Department of justice agents in Laredo made an important arrest in this city several days ago that may develop more important than was at first expected, as the man detained here was evidently on his way to Mexico to join other Germans in that country.

HAS BEEN DETAINED HERE.

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The party referred to is Fritz Plate, a young German, who was bell-boy on the interned German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie which was seized in New York harbor by the navy department immediately following the declaration of a state of war between this country and Germany.

After taking charge of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie and a number of other German vessels in New York harbor the crews were interned. It appears, from the papers in possession of young Plate, that he was discharged from custody by the United States immigration authorities, who evidently believed that he would remain in the United States, but instead he headed toward the Mexican border and was arrested by department of justice men here and is now interned at Fort McIntosh together with eight other Germans who are held indefinitely.

To Property Owners. All of those property owners, whom I have not been able to reach will please call at my office in the County Court house and render their assessments, as you have only this month in which to render your State and County assessments.

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With Thedford's Black-Draught.

McDuff, Va.—"I suffered for several years," says Mrs. J. B. Whitaker, of this place, "with sick headache, and stomach trouble.

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TRAINING CAMP GETS BUSY AND DOWN TO ROUTINE WORK

SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS OF THE RESERVE CORPS IN SESSION.

Many Capable Sergeants and Corporals Recommended by Their Commanders Training for Commission

The training camp for officers of the army reserve corps, comprising the non-commissioned officers of the Ninth Infantry, the Thirty-seventh Infantry, the Fourteenth Cavalry and the Third Field Artillery, all of whom are now stationed in Laredo with the exception of the Ninth Infantry, got under way yesterday morning at the former camp of the Fourth Missouri Regiment and is now down to routine labors. The school is in command of Major Kirby Walker of the Fourteenth Cavalry, with four assistants.

The attendants at this military training camp consists of all the non-commissioned officers of the commands named who have been recommended as eligible for officers of the reserve corps by their regimental, battalion and company commanders, and in the list are a number of "non-coms" who have worn the chevrons for many years and are most competent men from the standpoint of military tactics, drilling, etc., and will readily acquire the necessary knowledge required to make them eligible for commissions ranging from second lieutenant to captain.

The camp selected for the training work is well adapted to the purpose and is a most ideal location. The buildings constructed there by the government for use of the Fourth Missouri Infantry, and which were left intact after the departure of that national guard contingent, are equipped with all conveniences necessary for the comfort of the men who will become future officers of the reserve army, and probably remain as officers of the regular army, owing to their competency after the training course is concluded.

1,152 CARLOADS OF ONIONS.

That Number Have Been Shipped From Laredo So Far; Seventy-nine Carloads Rolled Out Last Night.

Seventy-nine carloads of Bermuda onions were shipped out of Laredo by special trains last night to the markets in all parts of the country, the shipments last night bringing the total to date up to 1,152 carloads.

There was quite a slump announced in the prices of onions yesterday and they dropped to the lowest quotation on the eastern markets since the start of the shipping season. However, it is certain that the market will recuperate from the effects of the slump in the next day or two and prices will be restored to their previous stage.

While more than 1,100 carloads of onions have already been shipped, conservative growers and others familiar with the subject state that less than half of the onion crop has been moved and that the remainder should demand good prices.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—A postcard sent to the Times of fice and signed "A Friend," states that "Mrs. C. A. Sloane is sick in bed and needs help." The card is self-explanatory and it is hoped that she will receive the necessary attention and assistance.

—How was your milk this morning? Quality milk never disappoints. Beckers' Jersey Dairy. Phone 711.

—When you need an express wagon call Telephone No. 546.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Robert F. Alexander and Miss Roberta Erhard, Gaetano Carlales and Miss Andrea Garcia.

—We are introducing a new coffee, the Economy Special, 30 cts. per pound. Try it. Economy Grocery.

—There will be a game of base ball at Caliche Park on Sunday beginning at 3:30 o'clock between the Thirty-seventh Infantry and National teams. The soldier boys are said to have a good aggregation of players on their team, while everybody in Laredo knows the kind of ball played by the Nationals.

—Free! Free! Free! Studebaker service.

—Edward Green, florist. Day and night phone Cockett 4107. Ave. C at 8th St., San Antonio, Texas.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through this port yesterday afternoon: Twenty-four carloads of calamine, two carloads of xitle, and two carloads of piloncillo.

—Expert hair work; your combings made into switches, curls, transformations, etc. Work called for and delivered. Eastern Hair Shop, 910 Juarez ave., Phone 147.

—Tomorrow being St. Mark's Day, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church at 9 o'clock in the morning. This will be a corporate communion for the Parish Guild and Auxiliary and those who are as yet but baptized members of the church.

—French perfumes, Hubigan's, Piver's, Pinaud and R. & Gallet; also best American perfumes. Refugio Drugstore, wholesale and retail. Market Plaza.

—Two motor truck companies enroute from Fort Sam Houston to the Brownsville country have passed through here yesterday and today. Truck Co. No. 42 passed through here yesterday en route to Fort Brown, while Truck Co. No. 60 passed through here today en route to Fort Ringgold.

—Will sell brick house, two lots 25x50, four frame houses, one block from car line on Heights. Information 901 Hidalgo.

—In the district court this morning five bills of indictment were returned, all the bills being for criminal charges, but as parties have not been arrested the bills have not been made public.

—Autos painted; work guaranteed. Jose Vasquez at Fidel Cantu's, phone 202.

—Studebaker.

—Only one more month of the school session remains and graduation day is only about four weeks away. The list of graduates of this year's class of the high school has not yet been announced, but it is stated that the graduation exercises will take place in the spacious auditorium of the handsome new high school building, where a stage and all necessary conveniences will be completed in time for the annual important event.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office.

—Doctors Wilson & Stafford, DENTISTS. Crown and bridge work, pyorrhea and diseases of the gums a specialty. Office over People's Pharmacy. Phone 746.

—The home-gardening propaganda, in accordance with the expressed recommendations of President Wilson to conserve the food supply of the nation in its time of troublous events, has gained impetus in Laredo and many Laredo folks are using their unoccupied backyards for gardening purposes. Now is the time to plant a garden—do it now and help increase the food supply.

—Thirty millions for free service. Studebaker.

—The non-commissioned officers attending the officers training camp in the northern part of the city yesterday began the actual work of training. The 175 men attending the school drill in the ranks, alternately act the part of officers, indulge in the various training exercises and get the full benefit of the training requirements.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office.

—The weather has been threatening rain the past two mornings, but as a clouded firmament is no evidence that rain is certain (for all weather signs fall in this section) nobody armed themselves with raincoats but hazarded the chance of getting caught in a copious shower.

—Do you desire comfort? Then electric lights and fans.

4-24-tf. (Adv.)

ARMY RECRUITING STATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED HERE

WILL GIVE LAREDO YOUNG MEN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ARMY.

Service in Army Will Be for Term of the War Only and Afterwards They Will Be Discharged.

As stated in the Times several days ago, a recruiting officer of the United States army will arrive in Laredo tomorrow and on Thursday morning will establish a recruiting station in the Hamilton Hotel, building, where he will enroll all eligible young men who desire to enter the United States army and remain there until the conclusion of the war with Germany.

There are a number of young men in this immediate section who have been considering the proposition of entering the army during the present crisis and fight for their flag and country, and now the opportunity will be given them. Enlistments in the army at this time, as announced from Washington, are for the "term of the war only" and they will be discharged as soon as peace is again restored.

Everywhere in the country today young Americans are enlisting in the army and preparing to fight for the principles of democracy that this country stands for, and no doubt when the recruiting office is established here many Laredo boys will decide to don the uniform of the man who stands for the defense of Old Glory and the nation. The recruiting office here will be maintained until May 5.

DOCUMENTS WERE NOT STOLEN

Passports of French Officer Fell to Floor in Bender Hotel and Were Found There by Manager Soltau.

The alleged "stolen passports" of Lieutenant Claude Monier of the French army, who passed through here on Saturday and as soon as he reached San Antonio advised officers that "the documents had been stolen from his pockets after the train had passed Moore on its way to San Antonio," proved to be an abortion of the facts.

During his couple of hours stay in Laredo the French lieutenant stopped in the lobby of the Bender Hotel and threw his coat on a settee. In his rush to catch the noon train Saturday he grabbed up his overcoat hurriedly and "kafunk" went the documents to the floor behind the settee. After the officer had gone Charles F. Soltau, manager of the Bender, found them on the floor and he and Brigadier General Ruckman sent them posthaste by registered mail to Consul General Hanna at San Antonio. So, the truth of the matter is the French officer was badly mistaken about having his military passports in his pocket when he reached Moore on his way to San Antonio. And then, too, the documents were not "stolen" from him, as has been shown.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

APRIL 24

1731—Death of Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, aged 70.

1773—Lord Chesterfield, famous arbiter of good manners, died.

1846—Breaking out of the Mexican War.

1849—Gen. Joseph Gallieni, famous French commander in the present war, born; died May 27, 1916, shortly after having resigned as Minister of War.

1877—Russia declared war on Turkey.

1891—Died — Field-Marshal Von Moltke, victor of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, aged 90.

1893—Tornado in Oklahoma killed 90 people.

1898—Spanish formally declared that war existed with the United States; Great Britain issued a proclamation of neutrality and was subsequently followed by all the other great powers, except Germany.

1911—The Pacific Mail Steamship Asia was sunk off Finger Rock, China.

1914—Vera Cruz seized and occupied by American forces.

1916—Conferences open at El Paso between American and Mexican officials, the former asking for active co-operation of Carranza forces in capturing Villa; more skirmishes take place on the Mexican side, with more raids by Villa on the border.

1915—THE WAR: Allies renewed attacks on the Dardanelles, landing forces on both sides of the straits.

1916—THE WAR: Breaking out of the Irish Revolution; the Republic of Ireland was proclaimed in Dublin, with Patrick Pearse, since executed by the English, as its first President; the Sinn Feiners, organized into regiments, took possession of the Dublin general post-office, the city hall, Liberty Hall, St. Stephen's Green and other public buildings and properties; the attempt to seize Dublin Castle was unsuccessful. German seaplanes fly over Dover and Deal, and Zeppelins raid Norfolk and Suffolk.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—An army recruiting station will be opened at the Hamilton Hotel in this city tomorrow morning and will be maintained there until May 5. This will afford all an opportunity to join the army for the term of the war. The officer in charge of the station will willingly explain anything that applicants may desire to know in connection with their enlistment.

—Laredo is now having the longest term of the federal court ever held in this city—but conditions were never before like they are now since a branch of the United States Court for the Southern District of Texas was established in this immediate section of the state.

—Recently there has been installed on the front of the Plaza Cafe the largest thermometer and the only standard barometer in town for public use. One has only to glance at the clock to get the time and at the thermometer to get the temperature and to find the weather indications for several hours to come it is only necessary to read the barometer.

—Big stocks do not necessarily mean big assortments by any means. Here in old Laredo is a very small dry goods store that carries small stocks and two big items—first, big crowds who are delivering a very liberal patronage to the small store, and secondly, a disposition on the part of Laredo's smallest merchant to personally serve his patrons. And that's why MANUEL CRUZ does not need big stocks to do big business.

—There is much interest manifested on the part of the non-commissioned officers who are attending the training camp for officers of the reserve corps in Laredo. The men have entered into the work with an interest that means that much good will be accomplished in very short order. They are at work from early morning to late afternoon every day now at what was formerly Camp Missouri.

—After the onion crop has been harvested and shipped owners of land susceptible to irrigation can well afford to follow the suggestion advanced by President Wilson to conserve the food supply of the nation and plant the land which was used for growing onions in diversified vegetation, for there is going to be great demand for vegetables as soon as the army of a million men are put into the field late in the summer.

ASSISTANT IN MILITIA BUREAU.

Former Commander of Battery A, Missouri Field Artillery, Has Important Post With War Department.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank M. Rumbold, former adjutant general of Missouri, but who was with the Missouri National Guard contingent in Laredo as captain of Battery A, Missouri Field Artillery, from St. Louis, has been appointed assistant to the chief of the militia bureau of the war department at Washington and has gone from St. Louis to the national capital to take up his duties.

Lieutenant Colonel Rumbold made many friends in Laredo during his several months stay here last summer who will be delighted to learn of his rapid promotion in the army service to one of the most responsible positions of that branch of the service in these troublous times. In civil life he was known as Dr. Frank Rumbold and practiced his profession in St. Louis, but as a national guard officer and with volunteers he was always ready and willing to lay aside the duties of his medical practice to serve his country. He is recognized as a man of great military ability both by the governor of the state of Missouri and the war department of this country.

RED CROSS FLAG SALES.

Comfortable Sum Realized From Sale of Flags on Laredo Loyalty Day.

Report of Red Cross Flag Sale Committee, composed of Mrs. J. B. Morton, Mrs. J. W. Brewster, Mrs. E. E. Sharkey and Mrs. T. A. Austin, as follows:

Gross Receipts from sale of
Flags and Novelties.....\$551.75
Total cost as per receipted bills 226.51
Net deposited with Treasurer.....\$325.24

We wish to express our appreciation of the co-operation of all who assisted in any way in this Flag Sale, particularly the press and the merchants who supplied us and gave generous discounts; the drug stores and the ladies in charge of the various stations, to whom much credit is due.

MRS. T. A. AUSTIN,
Chairman,
Laredo, Texas, April 25, 1917.

Notice of Meeting.

There will be a meeting of onion growers at the rooms of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce at eight o'clock tonight. The meeting has been called by August C. Richter, president of the Webb County Farmers Association.

JOSEPH W. KENNEY,
Secretary.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Parish Guild will hold a business meeting at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. M. S. Ryan will entertain the members of the Auction Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Girls' Social Club will meet with Mrs. Frederick Gilbreath at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday.

Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain the Married Ladies Social Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon, and the Tuesday Bridge Club on Friday afternoon, honoring Mrs. John Church Hawley of Massachusetts.

The Thursday Sewing Club will meet with Mrs. Charles Richter at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Theodora Gullette will entertain the Girls' Thursday Bridge Club at four o'clock in the afternoon.

A Grain of Wheat.

I hold upon mine open palm
A grain of wheat, so very small,
That, if alone it chance to fall
Upon the ground,

"T'would scarce be found,
Yet in its yellow husk reposes
"The staff of life," which God incloses

In this frail form, perhaps to teach
A lesson that will surely reach
Alike the great and lowly,
That, unto all created things
Existence on the broad earth brings
A mission high and holy.

Another lesson, too, it gives;
Of little use one grain of wheat
For either man or beast to eat,
Although its heart
May form a part
Of wholesome bread, baked of the
flour

To which it gave its vital power—
Of little use, until, at length
It joined to other grains its strength
For mutual help and good;
So human lives, to be well spent,
Must labor for man's betterment
In common brotherhood.

—Sarah A. Henzerling.

General Mention.

The Methodist Missionary Society did not meet yesterday as announced.

Mr. Milus Little is in Beaumont on a business trip.

Dr. E. J. Kyle, dean of Agriculture of A. and M. College, spent the day in Laredo yesterday, the guest of Prof. F. W. Mally. Dr. Kyle was here in regard to the food problem, and having been associated with Prof. Mally at the A. and M., combined business and pleasure.

Lieutenant Frederick Dwan returned to Dolores yesterday after a short stay in the city.

Mrs. Sam Withoff and children have returned from San Antonio.

Mrs. J. M. Slaughter has returned from San Antonio, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Chamberlain, the past several weeks.

Dr. James Addison Brown of Cambridge, Illinois, after a short visit to Mr. J. R. Lobdell, returned home last night.

Mrs. Edwards Callahan Dodd left this afternoon for San Antonio.

Miss Zara Mowry will leave tomorrow morning for Brownsville for a visit to the Misses Young of that city.

Mrs. Raymundo Navarro and sons, Ricardo and Benjamin of Monterey, are in the city visiting relatives and friends and are the guests of Mrs. R. E. Navarro.

Club Notes.

The Junior Auxiliary of Christ Church held their regular weekly meeting with Mrs. Cook at the Rectory, yesterday afternoon. After the regular service and missionary lesson, the members devoted a while to ward finishing articles for the missionary box, which will be sent to the Indians in Alaska. At the conclusion of the meeting a delightful hour of play was enjoyed by the little folk. Those present were: Carolyn and Mike Brennan, Ralph and Mary Cook, Julia Belle Deutz, Marjorie Fish, Minerva G'Sell, Bayless Gullette, Emilie Halsell, George and Horace Kehl, Anna May Mussett, Bettie Madison, Elizabeth and Charline Nye, Ethel and Jack Puster, Hunter Randolph, Madonna Sorrell, Katherine and Gretchen Wood.

The Tuesday Music and Literary Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. P. Nye, with the president, Mrs. A. C. Richter, presiding. The annual election of of-

ficers was held and resulted as follows: President, Dr. Helene Kenney; first vice-President, Mrs. Elizabeth Lobdell; second vice-president, Mrs. W. Threadgill; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Heaner; secretary, Mrs. F. B. Mally; press reporter, Mrs. Couch. After the business meeting the program for the day was carried out, the subject being Ibsen. The following numbers were enjoyed by all:

Voice, Mrs. M. P. Cullinan
Ibsen, the Originator of Modern Drama, Mrs. J. H. Davis
Song, Courtney Slaughter
Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People," Mrs. Lobdell
"The Master Builder,"
 Mrs. A. C. Richter
Piano, Mrs. Tucker
Voice, Miss Courtney Crutchfield
General Discussion.

Entertainments.

The officers and ladies of the Thirty-seventh Infantry entertained with a delightful informal dance at the club last evening. The Thirty-seventh Infantry band furnished the music, and a delicious refreshment course was served during the evening. Among those present were: Colonel and Mrs. VanVleet, Colonel and Mrs. Alonzo Gray, Colonel and Mrs. W. T. Davidson, Captain and Mrs. Humphries, Captain and Mrs. Ferenbaugh, Captain and Mrs. Parbution, Captain and Mrs. Gallagher, Captain and Mrs. Warren, Lieutenant and Mrs. Fellows, Lieutenant and Mrs. Palmer, Lieutenant and Mrs. Schultz, Mesdames Ryan and Gilbreath; Misses Alice and Olive Gray, Courtney Crutchfield, Myrtle Mackin, Marjorie Ruckman, Marguerite Nelson; Major Switzer, Captain Potter, Captain Baker, Lieutenant Renier, Painer, Clark, Garrison, Odell and others.

Public Memorial Service.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S., will hold its annual memorial service in Mesonic Hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Masons, Masons' families, their friends and all interested are cordially invited.

Stop Left Over Coughs.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsams loosen the phlegm, heals the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist today. Formula on the bottle. 25c.

METHODIST BISHOPS IN SESSION.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 25.—Church problems arising from the war are to be discussed by the bishops of the Methodist church, who have gathered in this city for their semi-annual session. The meeting was opened today and will be continued through the remainder of the week.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.

Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of strains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of grippe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.

THE KAISER'S PRAYER.

The Latest Ultimatum

Gott, Gott, dear Gott, attention please.
Your bardner Vilhelm's here,
And has a vord or two to say
Indo your private ear;
So durn away all udders now
Und listen vell to me,
For vat I say concerns me much
Meinself and Shermanny.

You know, dear Gott, I vas your friendt,
Und from mein hour of birth,
I quietly let you rule de Hefften
Vile I ruled o'er de Earth;
Und ven I toldt mein soldiers
Of by-gone battle days,
I gladly split de glory
Und gave you half de praise.

In every way I tried to prove
Mein heart to you vas true,
Und only claimed mein honest share
In de great deeds dat ve do.
You could not haf a better friendt
In Sky, or Land or Sea,
Dan Kaiser Vilhelm Number Two
De Lord of Shermanny.

So vat I say, dear Gott, is dis,
Dat ve should still be friendts.
Und you, should help to send mein foes
To meet de bitter endts.
If you, dear Gott, vill dis me do,
I'll nodings ask again,
Und you and I vill bardners be
Forevermore—Amen!

But listen, Gott, it must be quick
Your help to me you send
Or else I haf to stop attack
Und only blay defend.
So four and twenty hours I gif
To make do Allies run,
Und put me safe into mein blace—
De middle of de Sun.

If you do dis, I'll do mein bart,
I'll tell de world de fact—
But if you don't, den I must tink
It is an hostle act.
Den var at vonce I vill declare
Und in mein anger rise,
Und send my Zeppelin ships to wage
A fight up in de skies.

Dis ultimatum now, dear Gott,
Ist von of many more,
Mein mind is settled on to clean
De whole world off de floor;
Because you vas mein bardner, Gott,
An extra chance is gifen,
So help at vonce, or else I'll be
De emperor of Hefften.

To Property Owners.

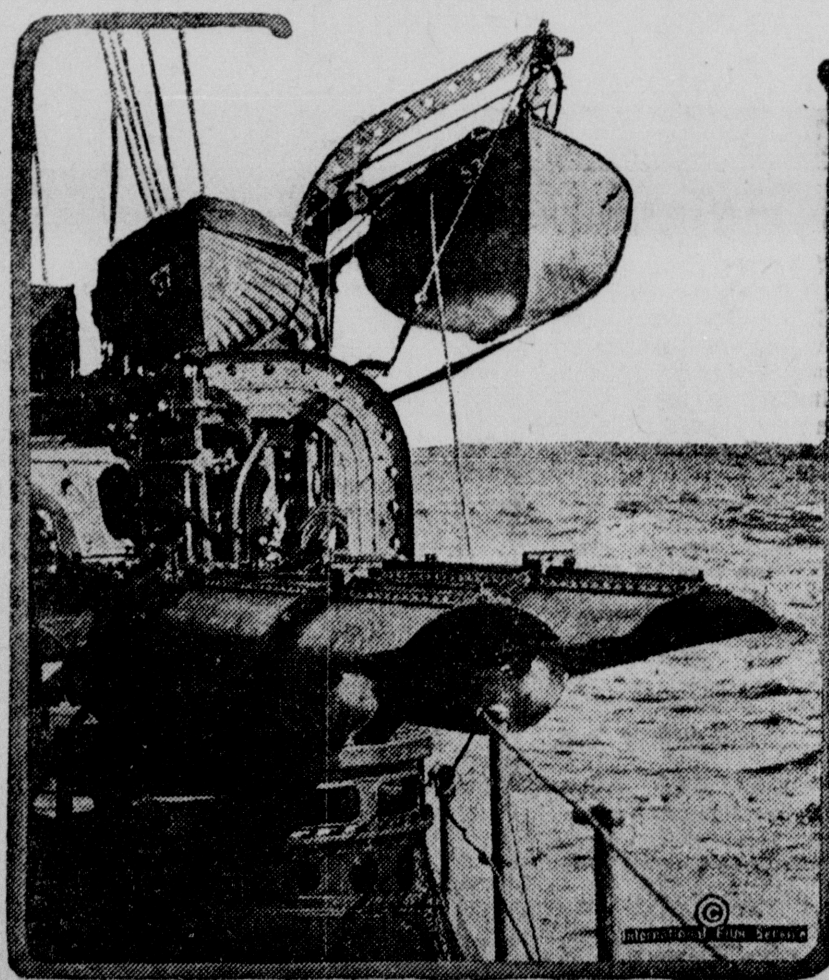
All of those property owners, whom I have not been able to reach will please call at my office in the County Court house and render their assessments, as you have only this month in which to render your State and County assessments.
B. J. LEYENDECKER,
Webb County Tax Assessor.
414-15t.

PRINCESS MARY 20 YEARS OLD.

Lindon, April 25.—Princess Mary, only daughter of their Majesties, was remembered by all the members of the royal family with presents and messages of greeting today on the occasion of her twentieth birthday anniversary. Owing to the war there was no formal celebration of the occasion. During the past two years relief work, including almost daily visits to hospitals, charity bazaars, etc., has claimed much of the attention of the young Princess, as well as that of her mother and the other ladies of the royal family.

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TORPEDO TUBES OF A DESTROYER



View of part of an American destroyer, showing the two torpedo tubes.

RUSSIAN PEASANTS SEIZE LANDS AND DRIVE OWNERS AWAY FROM POSSESSIONS

Ignorant People Do Not Understand that All Acts Must be by Process of Law in Order to be Backed by Government—Feared that Spring Sowing will be Late and Crop Shortage will Result.

FELICISTAS SENTENCED.

Gonzales Fined \$10,000; Dorantes and Hinojosa \$5,000
Calero and Levy to Prison.

In federal court this afternoon at 3 o'clock Judge Burns passed sentences on Pedro Gonzales, Alberto Hinojosa and Leopoldo Dorantes, the three Felicista leaders. Gonzales was punished by a fine of \$10,000 or ten months in Webb county jail; Alberto Hinojosa and Leopoldo Dorantes were each fined \$5,000 or twelve months in the county jail.

Vicente Calero and Eneas Levy, charged with smuggling opium and who were arrested in San Francisco, were each punished by receiving a term of fifteen months in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

The other members of the Felicista party, eleven in all, are being sentenced as the Times goes to press.

FRENCHMAN KISSED GEN. JOFFRE'S HAND

FRENCH COMMISSION MET WITH ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION UPON REACHING CAPITAL.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 25.—The French commission arrived here today and gas given an enthusiastic reception. When Field Marshal Joffre stepped from the Mayflower, a young French officer already there kissed his hand. This brought tears to the eyes of many.

First Money to Allies.

Washington, April 25.—Secretary McAdoo today gave the British ambassador \$200,000,000 in treasury warrants, the first loan made to any Entente country under the \$7,000,000,000 war bill.

Not Asked to Change.

Washington, April 25.—British Foreign Secretary Balfour in an interview today said the Entente allies had not thought of asking the United States to depart from its traditional policy of keeping from entangling alliances.

Recommends Appropriation.

Austin, Texas, April 25.—Gov. Ferguson today sent the legislature a message recommending a \$1,000,000 appropriation to protect the border, augment the National Guard, increase the Ranger force and raise the salary of the adjutant general of Texas, who he said holds one of the most important offices in the state during the present crisis.

GOES TO ORDNANCE DEPT.

Otto Heiss, Former Member Ninth Infantry Band and Long-Service Sergeant, Goes to Ft. Sam Houston.

Otto Heiss, formerly with the Ninth Infantry Band here as drum major, and who is also a long-service sergeant in the United States army, last summer retired from the army service and has since been doing contract work with the ordnance department at Fort McIntosh.

Yesterday Mr. Heiss received three telegrams from different places regarding his services with the war department, one being an offer to accept of a position with the ordnance department of the Southern Department with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston. Mr. Heiss signified his willingness to do his share for the army at this time and accepted the appointment, leaving today for San Antonio. Otto Heiss has many friends in Laredo who are reluctant to see him leave this city, but as he re-enters the services of his country when a man of such ability as he possesses is needed, they are glad to see him accept a responsible position with the war department at this time.

By Associated Press.
London, April 25.—On learning of the revolution, the peasants in some of the Russian districts have seized farm lands and driven the owners away, not heeding the advice of the government that the land question cannot be wisely settled until the constituent assembly is elected. It is feared that the spring sowing will be delayed and that a crop shortage constituent assembly is elected. It will result if matters are not remedied.

Result Still in Doubt.

London, April 25.—The third day of the battle between the British and Germans today finds the result still in doubt. Massed German reserves are being forward in bloody counter attacks to check the forward surge of General Haig's troops. The Wolan line is still intact.

The British have gained near Fampoux and have occupied Bihelm. The despatches say the German morale is becoming decidedly worse.

British Took Prisoners.

London, April 25.—It is officially announced that the British have taken 2,029 prisoners since Monday.

French Gained Ground.

Paris, April 25.—The French gained ground in Champagne last night.

Fighting for Village.

Berlin, April 25.—The chief fighting in the past 24 hours has been for the village of Gavrelle, six miles north of Arras, it was officially announced today.

To Overthrow the Chancellor.
Copenhagen, April 25.—The move to overthrow Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is again becoming evident in Germany. Herr Pangloss, the conservative and national liberal organs are waging a hot fight against the socialist peace program and are condemning the chancellor for not separating from Scheidemann and his propaganda.

MAY WHEAT IS \$2.50.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, April 25.—May wheat sold today at \$2.50 a bushel.

TICK LAW CONSTITUTIONAL.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, April 25.—The court of criminal appeals today upheld the constitutionality of the local option tick eradication law passed by the Thirty-third legislature.

BISHOP SHERWOOD CONSECRATED.

Rock Island, Ill., April 25.—The service of consecration of Rev. G. H. Sherwood as Episcopal bishop of Springfield took place today in Trinity Church, this city, of which the new bishop has been rector for a number of years past. Many notable representatives of the Episcopal clergy and laity took part in the ceremonies, which were conducted with the full ritual of the church. Bishop Sherwood will succeed Bishop Edward W. Osborne as head of the Springfield diocese.

OREGON LAND OPENED TO SETTLEMENT.

Klamath Falls, Ore., April 25.—The drawing took place today for the Tule lake lands in southeastern Klamath county, which have been thrown open to settlement by the Government. Forty-four tracts of various sizes up to 80 acres have been released, and are to be irrigated by the United States reclamation service, at an estimated cost of \$45 an acre. Seven of the forty-four tracts are in California and the remainder in Oregon.

TO DEDICATE RED CROSS BUILDING.

Washington, D. D., April 25.—To the list of notable events that cluster about the making of the nation's capital, another will be added early next month, when the new \$800,000 American Red Cross building will be dedicated and turned over to President Wilson, as the head of the organization. It is planned to have the dedication attended by impressive ceremonies. A notable feature of the program will be the dedication of the three memorial windows given to the Red Cross by the women of the civil war organization.

FIRST GUN FIRED.

By Associated Press.
London, April 25.—Captain Rice of the American steamship Mongolia, which has arrived at a British port, told the Associated Press today that the Mongolia has fired the first gun of war for the United States and has sunk a German submarine. Captain Rice said the German submarine was about to attack the great liner April 19 in British waters and that there was absolutely no doubt it was hit. The naval gunners made a clean hit at 1,000 yards, and the periscope was seen to be shattered.

VILLA'S COMMAND ROUTED.

By Associated Press.
El Paso, April 25.—Villa's main command is reported to have been routed by 3,000 Carrancistas under Gen. Eduard Hernandez yesterday at Carmen ranch in western Chihuahua. Three hundred Villistas were killed.

NEWEST MYSTERY IS STAGED AT DALLAS

FORMER ACCUSER OF GOVERNOR FERGUSON ARRESTED IN DALLAS ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

By Associated Press.
Dallas, Texas, April 25.—Mystery today surrounds the taking into custody last night here of H. C. Poe, former president of the Temple State Bank, and chief witness at the late Ferguson investigation. Poe was held by the Dallas police, who say they halted on the request of Sheriff Smith of Bell county. Smith on the long distance telephone said that he holds a warrant on an affidavit by William J. Blum, charging embezzlement in a real estate deal. The amount is said to be \$3,000. The Associated Press correspondent at Temple, who tried to see the sheriff, was told that he was not in the city. Blum is a farm manager for Gov. Ferguson.

COTTON MEN PLEDGE AID.

Boston, Mass., April 25.—Ways and means by which its members may be aid to the nation in the present crisis will be considered by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers at its annual meeting which opened in this city today. Through action of its board of governors the association has already tendered its services to President Wilson.

DRAMA LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 25.—The seventh annual convention of the Drama League of America, which met in this city today for a four-day session, has attracted a large and distinguished attendance of exponents, students and patrons of the drama. Leading features of the program will be addresses by Mme. Yvette Guilbert, Mrs. Skinner, George Arliss, William Lyons Phelps of Yale University, Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina, and S. H. Clark of the University of Chicago. Reports prepared for presentation to the convention show that the membership of the league has increased over 4,000 during the past year, making a total of 24,000 at present.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair, colder. Thursday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 88 degs.

Min. temp. 41 degs.

General direction of wind: Southeast.

Clear.

KEEPING LAND BUSY

From now on much of the Webb county land will be idle until next fall, that is, if the usual procedure is followed. Most of the land that has been planted to onions and which is now vacant is of a quality that will stand heavy cropping, especially if the rotation of crops is properly followed.

There is need for more vegetables and food crops than have ever before been raised in this country. Not only do the allies, who are the enemies of our enemy, need food badly, but when our soldiers take the field there will be a reduction in the acres planted because many of the farmers will enlist, and the soldiers eat more than the corresponding number of civilians in peaceful pursuits.

Prof. Mally of the demonstration work in Laredo is prepared to give all the information in his power for the proper use of Webb county land during the normal idle season. Of course, there is no reason why there should be an idle season, any more than there is for the banks to shut down for a part of the year, or the stores to close their doors for a more propitious time.

It is simply the practice, just as it is the practice in some sections to devote the entire energy of the community to raising cotton and buying all the other necessities of life from other sections.

The people of Laredo who still have horses are paying more for alfalfa than they pay in New York City. They pay more for corn than some of the European nations, and they have land that will produce rich and nutritious forage plants at almost any time in the year.

But it is merely a habit, and one that we would do well to change. The few people here who raise vegetables have demonstrated that no better vegetables in the world can be raised than those of Webb county. They have shown that fruits of all kinds flourish here and that there is little in the way of food supplies that cannot be raised at home, instead of paying the middlemen enormous prices for something that is grown in Iowa or Oklahoma or Alabama.

We can raise sweet potatoes, as has been demonstrated by people in Laredo. We can raise Irish potatoes, cauliflower, turnips, cabbage, tomatoes—everything that we want, in fact. Yet we continue to let our backyards lie idle, and the onion growers let their rich onion lands lie fallow until fall, merely because we have gotten in the habit of so doing.

The greatest mobilization which is going to take place in this country is the mobilization of the people who grow things.

There will be but a million or two of men in the camps and on the battlefields. There should be twenty or thirty millions growing something to keep the larder filled and the children healthy and well-nourished.

It is estimated that there are some eight million farmers in the United States—that is, farmers who are devoting their attention to that business. But no estimate has ever been made of the number of people who raise a little garden stuff in the backyards, and—worst of all—of the millions who could raise something but won't.

It is the onion men who plant their lands to some food crop as soon as their present crop is marketed; if the people of Laredo will learn to utilize every spare foot of space in their backyards or their vacant lots in the planting of something to eat, whether it be for the people, the cattle or the poultry; if everyone will do his share toward helping his country win in the coming conflict, we shall be better off for the war, no matter what other results come from it.

Land is one thing that requires no vacation if it is properly handled. It responds to kind treatment, and is always working while you sleep. Help it to do its best for the people of this country.

ANTICIPATING THE RISE.

It would seem that many merchants of Texas are anticipating the rise which they expect to come from our entrance into the war and are using their opportunity to advance their prices before there is any warrant for so doing.

Barbers in some Texas cities are said to have advanced the price of a haircut to 50c and set shaves at 20c. This may be in anticipation of the expected economy on the part of many who will purchase safety razors and do their own shaving.

But the greater part of the higher prices are without warrant of any nature, save the greed of the price raisers. For a merchant, for instance, to raise the price of a commodity which has not advanced in the wholesale market simply because he has a stock and expects that his next wholesale purchase will cost him more, is to rob the consumer without warrant.

Some things undoubtedly will increase during the conduct of the war. Some dealers handle articles upon which increased revenue taxes will be placed by the federal government. Other things will naturally appreciate in price because of the increased demand without corresponding supply.

But there is little reason for the fear that most of the articles which one needs will advance greatly. The wholesale price may advance five or

ten per cent, but the retail price is already advancing from forty to 100 per cent, without any indication that it will be reduced.

This is one place where the federal government must step in and prevent extortion. The fixing of maximum prices must be done as a war measure, for it is solely under the pretext that the war is causing sharp advances—that the retail dealers are advancing—in some cases doubling—their prices.

Some men are content with a reasonable profit on what they sell. Some are so timid that they will not risk raising their prices for fear that they will lose trade. And others, with an unconscionable greed that is matched only by that of Midas, who wished everything he touched to turn into gold, or that of Judas Iscariot, who was even willing to sell innocent blood for a profit, are already grasping for the goods of others.

Some people are good because they want to be. Others are good from fear of what their neighbors will say. While there is still another class that is only good when the strong arm of the law forces them to be good. It is this latter class that needs the power of the food commission to prevent them from robbing those who are in need.

After all, as always, the burden of the war will fall worst upon the poor. There is so little variety to their already scanty larder that they cannot practice economy except by cutting down a percentage of what they are at present consuming. So much less milk and butter for those who have been able to afford these luxuries of the poor; so much less meat and potatoes, so much less bread, a little more water in the "compound" coffee, a little less lard in the frying pan—all these are the economies that the poor will have to practice.

When one thinks of the dealers who will emerge from the present war with profits wrung from the necessities of the poor, it makes his blood boil. At the close of the Civil War there were many who had sought the safe paths of trade while their neighbors were fighting the battles of all. Most of them were able to increase their business with the profits they had gained—not earned—while the nation on both sides of the border line was struggling for existence, and many of them could show a fortune that was as disgraceful and as disreputable as the hoard of any pirate that ever sailed the Spanish Main.

We are coming closer to a realization of what is the duty of every citizen in such times as these. We no longer applaud the winning of a fortune by disreputable methods. We no longer smile upon the business pirate. We look many of them up for a term of years.

The first gun of the war has been fired, and by a merchant vessel's gunners, at that. The name of the captain appears to be English, but that does not detract from the credit to his Scotch engineer or his Irish gunners. More power to them.

It is reported that when the great Gen. Joffre had his hand kissed by an emotional young French officer upon his arrival in Washington, "it brought tears to the eyes of many." Had it happened in Texas, the bystanders would have been moved to worse than tears.

We are reminded of an old story. The people listening to a tale of woe said they were sorry. An old man said: "Yes, but how sorry? I'm sorry \$5 worth." Our gift of two hundred millions to the Entente allies is a practical form of sympathy which will be understood and appreciated.

The Russian peasants are to be pitied for their ignorance. They began seizing farm lands when they heard of the revolution, much the same as the ignorant Mexicans did a couple of years ago. But they will find that nothing can be done without warrant of law, and they must wait the action of the new government.

SOUNDS LIKE A CHAPLIN PLAY.

The Capture of Town of General Teran, Mexico, by Rebels, Furnishes Good Plot For a Comedy.

There are some great soldiers down in Mexico, as is illustrated by the following story brought to the border by a passenger who arrived from Monterey yesterday afternoon.

On Sunday night a party of eight revolutionists of the Felipe Rodriguez affiliation, entered the little town of General Teran, between Monterey and Victoria, at midnight, went to the church there and began ringing the bells. Immediately the Carranza garrison, which consisted of fifteen or twenty men, lined up and surrendered to the rebels, presumably believing that there was a big rebel force attacking the town. The revolutionists disarmed the Carrancistas, took their rifles, ammunition and food supplies and on the next morning unceremoniously took their departure. The Carrancistas could have captured the handful of rebels if they had exercised their heads instead of their feet.

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NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

APRIL 26

"Jack" Barry, famous baseball player, who last January became manager of the Boston American League baseball team, is 30 years old today. The new leader of the Red Sox, who have held the world championship since 1915, was born in Meriden, Conn., April 26, 1887. Before accepting the management of the Red Sox early this year, Barry had been prominent as an infield member of the world championship teams in both Boston and Philadelphia. It was to the American League in the latter city that he went in 1908 from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., where he had been prominent in college athletics, to win a place in what later became the famous "\$100,000 infield" of the champion Athletics. When that machine was broken up in 1915, Barry, a leading shortstop, became second baseman with the Boston Americans to whom he brought fresh strength for the struggle that gained them the world title that year. He is believed to be the only major league player who has ever shared in the receipts of six world's series. As manager of the Red Sox, Barry succeeded Bill Carrigan, who is now in business. He continues to play at the second base position in the championship team though having assumed its management.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skin, is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT, it is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Very Much in Earnest.

The man who lets his chickens run loose makes the back yard garden impossible for those who live within a block of him. He is a public enemy and should be made to feel the stern hand of the law. El Paso Times.

It is Different Now.

While statesmen are prone to say that some of the administration measures are contrary to American traditions, we are called upon to face conditions contrary to all traditions of civilization.—Beaumont Journal.

How to Help.

Do your bit by putting in some more garden truck, cutting down the waste in the kitchen, and restricting the daily menus to those dishes only that are necessary to the maintenance of perfect health.—Gonzales Inquirer.

Demands Intensive Farming.

Intensive farming is the demand of the hour, and every available spot should be planted to something in the food and feedstuff line, every fence corner made to produce something to eat for either man or beast.—Gonzales Inquirer.

New Law in Effect.

The police have orders to arrest auto speeders and those who violate other provisions of the traffic ordinance. Better play safe and keep your money. And it will be advisable for every driver of a motor driven vehicle to read the new state law, as printed in the Herald.—Palestine Herald.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

APRIL 26

- 1777—Danbury, Conn., burnt and military stores destroyed by the British.
- 1807—The planet Vesta discovered by Groombridge, English astronomer.
- 1831—Imprisonment for debt abolished in the State of New York.
- 1834—Artemus Ward (Charles F. Brown), famous American humorist, born at Waterford, Me.; died in England, March 6, 1867.
- 1840—John Thornton Kirkland, president of Harvard University and a distinguished writer, died.
- 1854—A day of humiliation was observed in England because of the Crimean War; divine service was held in all the churches and collections taken up for the wives and children of the soldiers in the field.
- 1863—Viscount Lewis Harcourt, British statesman, member of the Asquith cabinet, born.
- 1910—The Anti-Race Gambling bills passed the New York Senate, dooming professional book-making in the State.
- 1912—Bodies of John Jacob Astor and Isidor Straus, Titanic victims, recovered at sea.
- 1915—Republicans returned to power in Chicago municipal affairs with inaugural of Mayor William Hale Thompson, succeeding Carter H. Harrison of the "Harrison dynasty."
- 1916—THE WAR: French cruiser Leon Gambetta sunk in Strait of Otranto by Austrian submarine, with loss of 500 seamen. German converted cruiser Prinz Wilhelm interned at Newport News, Va.
- 1916—THE WAR: The areas occupied by the rebels in Dublin were surrounded by British troops and general fighting resulted, with terrible bloodshed; a British gunboat sailing up the River Liffey, shelled and demolished Liberty Hall, a stronghold of the Sinn Feiners. American State Department makes public its definition of "armed merchantmen." Zeppelins raid east Kent coast.

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Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy? You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold the soothing balsam ingredients heal the irritated membranes, soothe the sore throat, the antiseptic qualities kill the germ and your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. King's New Discovery has for 43 years been the standard remedy for coughs and colds in thousands of homes. Get a bottle to-day and have it handy in your medicine chest for coughs, colds, croup, gripe and all bronchial affections. At your druggist, 50c.

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\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

FEDERAL COURT ADJOURNS AFTER MAKING NEW RECORD

FINES AMOUNTING \$27,200 WERE IMPOSED IN ONE DAY.

In Addition to Three Revolutionary Officers Given Heavy Fines, Eleven Others Drew Lighter Fines.

After establishing a record unprecedented in the annals of the tribunal in this city so far as passing of sentences and imposing of fines were concerned in one day, the United States Court for the Southern District of Texas adjourned yesterday afternoon and the visiting officers of the court left for their respective homes last night.

Yesterday sentences were imposed by Judge Burns in sentencing the various defendants that aggregated a total of \$27,200, and of this enormous amount fines aggregating \$23,300 imposed on Pedro Gonzales, his two officers and eleven men sentenced yesterday, as in addition to the fine of \$10,000 assessed against Pedro Gonzales, or ten months imprisonment in the county jail; Alberto Hinojosa and Leopoldo Dorantes, \$5,000 fine or one year in jail, all of which were mentioned in the last issue of the Times. Judge Burns concluded the term here with the passing of sentences on the eleven other Felicitas, who he let off with fines of \$300 each or three months in the county jail.

While General Vicente Calero, a former officer of the Huerta army, and Eneas Levy, convicted of smuggling opium and who were sentenced to serve fifteen months in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., can not escape serving their terms, it is very probable that the eleven Felicitas who were given three months each or the \$300 fines will "lay out" their time in jail, while some of the Felicitas officers may do likewise. The Chinaman who was fined \$2,400 yesterday for smuggling, and the Laredo merchants and his clerk who were fined \$1,000 and \$500 respectively, also paid their fines.

During the term of the federal court which adjourned yesterday a lot of important business was transacted with that celerity for which the court is noted, and the number of smuggling cases disposed of and the punishments assessed were heavier than at any previous term of court.

Pound Notice.

One burro picked up for violation of the City ordinance governing stray animals and now in pound will be sold at public auction in front of the City Hall, Saturday morning, April 28, 1917, at ten o'clock unless the owner calls before that hour and pays all costs that have accrued.

M. BRENNAN,

City Marshal.

Laredo, Texas, April 25, 1917.

DISTRICT COURT GRAND JURY.

So Far They Have Returned Total of Twenty-seven Bills of Indictment, Eleven of Them Today.

The grand jury in the district court is still deliberating on matters called to their attention by the district attorney, and with eleven bills of indictment which they returned this morning into court twenty-seven bills have so far been turned in and they are still at work.

Of the eleven bills returned today one is against Indalecio Garcia for abandonment after seduction and marriage; Santiago Garcia, theft under \$50; Manuel Martinez, theft under \$50; Guillermo Guerra, aggravated assault. Of the other seven bills two are against one party, but the six men indicted have not as yet been taken into custody.

"Kie-Yie-Yie! Get Me 'Gets-It' Quick!"

2 Drops Make Corn "Fall" Off!

"I've joined the Never-Again Club. Never again will I use anything for corns but 'Gets-It'. Put 2 drops of 'Gets-It' on, and from that second the corn begins to shrivel.



"Oh, Don't Touch It! It's So Sore!" "Gets-It" and It Will Never Be Sore!

Instead of swelling up like a little white sponge. Then it loosens from your toe—and, glory hallelujah! the corn comes off as though you'd take a glove off your hand! Yes, "Gets-It" is the corn discovery of the age. More "Gets-It" is sold by many times than any other corn remedy in existence. Try it and you'll know the reason why. It takes two seconds to apply it, and it dries at once. That's all. Don't experiment—follow the experience of millions and use "Gets-It." "Gets-It" is sold everywhere. 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill. "Sold in Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by the Peoples Pharmacy." G. C. Horner. City Drug Co.

DECLINING ONION MARKET CAUSES MEETING GROWERS

WHO WILL UNITE IN EFFORT TO UPHOLD THE MARKET.

President Richter Urges Growers to Unite and Work in Harmony and Take Common View of Situation.

A largely attended meeting of the Webb County Farmers Association was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night, with President Richter in the chair, and the principal purpose of the meeting was voiced in the protesting remarks made by speakers who showed their dissatisfaction at the big tumble the prices of onions have taken in the past few days.

Besides growers from the country about Laredo there were several in attendance from other points, and they voiced the same sentiments as the local men.

Two motions were put and carried, one to appoint a committee composed of three growers whose onions are not all shipped, and three buyers and sales agents to meet daily at 2 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce, the secretary of said chamber to be a member of the committee, and study market conditions in connection with the one third of Laredo's crop which is yet to be moved.

The other motion was that growers should request their sales agents and buyers to meet with the committee and exchange information that would be helpful in steadying the market. The secretary of the chamber was instructed to wire the action of the body to the other onion districts of the state and request their co-operation, and it was recommended that the committee keep in telephonic communication with such districts.

Short talks on the onion market situation and the making of suggestions for remedying same were made by President August C. Richter, who told the growers present they could control the situation if they would exercise ordinary common sense; I. Alexander, who said the growers could, through united efforts, restore the market to its normal condition; Mr. Smith of Asherton, who said conditions would indicate that onions could be kept at a good figure. Other talks, all having a tendency to unite the growers in their own behalf by handling the marketing of onions judiciously, were made.

—Studebaker.

Constipation and Indigestion. These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

101 CARLOADS OF ONIONS.

Record Shipments of the Season Made Last Night, When Five Trainloads of Bermudas Rolled Out.

The record shipment of Bermuda onions of the season out of Laredo was made last night, when five special trainloads, carrying a total of 101 carloads of the Laredo varieties of onions rolled out of here consigned to markets in all sections of the United States, and some to Canada.

With the heavy shipments last night the total carload shipments of onions out of here so far this season now aggregate 1,335 cars.

IN MEMORIAM.

At San Agustín cathedral beginning Saturday, April 28th a novena of masses will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late, Esteban Salinas at 6 a. m. Friends and acquaintances are cordially invited to attend.

4-26-2t.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and peevishness is the signal for WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

Notice to Tax-payers.

Your city taxes for the year 1916 must be paid before the last day of this month. If you wish to avoid the penalty, etc., please call and pay them at once. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

D. C. de LACHICA, City Tax Assessor. 4-14-15t.

Some Good Advice.

"Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.

PERSONALS

J. R. Love left last night for his home in Jacksonville, Texas, after spending a few weeks in this city.

Geo. Cooper of the Black Horse Tobacco Co. left last night for San Antonio on a short business trip.

A. Joseph of the Laredo Novelty Co. returned home this morning from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Ed. J. Moser, who is interested in a business concern in San Antonio and also "alternate manager" of a grocery house in Laredo, came down this morning on a flying visit. Ed. has the "war bug" buzzing around him and is thinking of going in for a commission in the reserve army.

BENDER:—Dr. Colleen, San Antonio; Robert A. John, Houston; B. Miller and wife, Dallas; R. V. Azcaraga, Monterey; G. J. Frey, San Antonio; E. R. Thornton, El Paso; W. C. Kevan, Petrograd, Va.; G. A. Schley, H. Guth, H. B. Bagley, San Antonio; E. L. Miney, Kansas City, Mo.; A. A. Ambrose, Houston; J. R. Sharp, W. F. Bates, Dallas; L. J. Hannan, A. B. Harbour, San Antonio; T. E. Lankin, Houston; W. Rothchild, Louisville; Jack Wright, San Antonio; J. D. Abbott, Dallas; W. M. Landrum, San Antonio; J. E. Roach, Boston, Mass.; J. L. Baume, New Orleans, La.; Geo. P. Collier, San Antonio; Geo. D. Pimmicks, Boston, Mass.; H. Tomford, Houston.

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS TODAY.

APRIL 27

Dr. Hollis Godfrey, one of the seven advisers appointed by President Wilson to be associated with the Council of National Defense of the United States, created by Congress last year to cope with the military situation, is 43 years old today. Dr. Godfrey, who is a native of Lynn, Mass., is a distinguished engineer who is at the same time a clever author, as well as a successful educational administrator, this last as the head of Drexel Institute, of Philadelphia. Educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Harvard, Dr. Godfrey began his career as a consulting engineer in Boston. In 1912 he was called to Philadelphia by Mayor Blankenburg to become a bureau chief under the reform administration which the mayor was conducting. The record he made in partly straightening out the woeful tangle in which the city had become involved in handling its gas problem attracted the attention of the trustees of Drexel Institute, the city's largest technical school, and in 1913 a call came to take charge of its affairs. Last October, came the appointment by the President on the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense, of which the other members are Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor; Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R.; Bernard Baruch, Julius Rosenwald, Howard E. Coffin and Dr. Franklin H. Martin.

NOTICE IN PROBATE.

No. 776.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Webb County, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for twenty days, exclusive of the return day, in some newspaper published in said county, the following:

All persons interested in the estate of Oscar Magnon, a minor, are hereby notified that Pablo L. Villareal, guardian of the person and estate of said minor, has filed in the county court of said Webb County, his resignation as such guardian, accompanied by a sworn statement and account for final settlement thereof, which will be heard and acted upon at the next term of the county court, beginning on the 21st day of May, 1917, and this is to require all such persons to appear and contest the same if they see proper.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Laredo, Texas, this 26th day of April, 1917.

J. A. RODRIGUEZ,
Clerk County Court, Webb Co., Tex.

Clear Your Skin in Spring.

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes, easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills to night and throw off the sluggish winter shell. At druggists, 25c.

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VETERANS ARE SOON TO MEET.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Officers and other leading members of the United Confederate Veterans are of the opinion that the coming national reunion in this city will be the most interesting and one of the most largely attended gatherings ever held by the Southern war veterans. The reunion will be the first that the survivors of the Confederate armies ever held north of the Potomac. The gathering will not be of merely sectional interest, but of broad national significance, coming during a crisis in the nation's history.

It is not only as the national capital that Washington possesses an attraction for the Confederate veterans. A large proportion of them participated in the battles and skirmishes which were fought almost on the threshold of this city a half century ago, or on the historic fields lying between the Potomac and the James, almost within sight of the capital. The executive committee of the national organization has chosen three days—June 5, 6 and 7—as the period of the big reunion. The entertainment of the veterans and their guests, however, will cover about a week.

The whole city will be handsomely dressed for the occasion, the crowning features to be an illuminated court of honor covering the space enclosed by Lafayette Square and the grounds of the White House. Merchants will decorate their places of business and private citizens will bedeck their homes. For the decoration of the public buildings and streets the War Department will furnish hundreds of flags.

Hundreds of the Southern veterans are expected to camp on the White House ellipse, on the same site where a Union army pitched its tents just after the close of the civil war. For the camp of the veterans the War Department will furnish a complete outfit of tents, camp supplies and accessories.

Two notable events in connection with the reunion will be the parade of the veterans and the dedication of the Robert E. Lee monument erected on Gettysburg battlefield. The parade will take place on Thursday of reunion week. On that day Washington will witness what it has never seen before and what it will probably never have a chance to see again—the veterans who are left of the famous armies of Virginia and Tennessee, led by Lee, Jackson, Johnston and Hood, the Stars and Bars waving in the breeze, an army of gray-clad veterans marching down Pennsylvania Avenue to the tune of "Dixie," and the old Confederate yell.

The dedication of the Lee monument at Gettysburg will mark the climax of the reunion. The event is fixed to take place the day following the parade in this city and it is expected that tens of thousands of the veterans and other visitors will make the journey from the capital to the battlefield.

The monument was erected by the State of Virginia as a memorial to her sons who fought and fell at Gettysburg. It consists of a statue of General Lee surmounting a massive pedestal on the front of which appears a sculptured group symbolizing the walks of life from which the Southern armies were recruited.

General Lee is represented seated on his famous charger, Traveler. The equestrian statue is fourteen feet in height and is the work of F. William Sievers, the noted sculptor. In his conception of General Lee, the sculptor bore in mind the action of the great commander in reviewing the famous charge of Pickett's men at Gettysburg. It is related that Lee was standing talking with his staff when informed that the charge was about to start. He calmly mounted and leisurely walked his horse to the brow of an eminence, from which he had a clear view of the field. So close was he to the firing line that his officers had great difficulty in persuading him to abandon the dangerous spot. The monument stands practically on the identical ground.

Eminent speakers representing both the South and the North will deliver orations at the dedication of the memorial. Governor Stuart of Virginia will preside over the ceremonies and it is expected that the governors of many other States will be in attendance.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight unsettled. Saturday unsettled, colder.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 89 degs.
Min. temp. 41 degs.
General direction of wind: East.
Clear.

Stop Left Over Coughs.

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop that hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsam loosens the phlegm, heals the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a lingering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist today. Formula on the bottle. 25c.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Mrs. G. R. Weber will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club in the afternoon with Mrs. J. C. Hawley as the honor guest.

The Freshmen of the High School will entertain with a dance at the Latin-American Club in the evening, honoring the Seniors.

Saturday.

The Busy Bees will meet with Miss Josephine Brewster at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Entre Nous Club will meet with Miss Ruth Simpson at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Boy Scouts will hold their regular meeting at seven o'clock in the evening.

Miss Eva Austin will entertain the Girls' Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon, honoring Miss Woodruff, of New Haven, Conn.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S. will hold its annual memorial service in Masonic Hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Masons, Masons' families, their friends and all interested are cordially invited.

Dawn.

The mountain walls send up
Their eagles on the morning, ere the gleam
Of the great day star falls on wood and stream;

From south to north
What golden wings, what argent
feet go forth

On heaven and radiant snows!
What archangelic flights
Of seraphim from everlasting heights—

From citadels colossal, where the song
Of giant winds is strong,
And, washed in timeless fire, the granite glows
With silver and unutterable rose!

O vaster dawn, ascendant and sublime,
That past the peaks of time
And midnight stars array,
Dost bear the magnitude of skies to be,

What hopes go forth to thee!
O glad, unrisen day! . . .
—George Sterling.

General Mention.

Mrs. J. C. Hawley and Mrs. J. R. Woodul will be the week-end guests of Mrs. C. M. Fish and Miss Maud McKnight.

Miss Irene Moser returned home yesterday from a pleasant visit to relatives in San Antonio.

The Childs Welfare League take pleasure in announcing that the Strand Theatre will present Mary Pickford in "Such a Little Queen," today. This film is especially delightful and will be of interest to grown ups as well as the young people.

Mr. Edmund Moser is expected home today from San Antonio.

Announcements.

All those interested in the Baby Parade in the May Day Fete will please telephone Mrs. J. B. Morton for information regarding same. There are a number of novel features already planned for this part of the Fete, and all mothers who wish to enter their little ones will please communicate with Mrs. Morton at their earliest convenience.

Mrs. E. J. Foster will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club on Monday afternoon at half after three o'clock.

Club Notes.

The Sunbeam Band of the Baptist Church held its regular meeting at the church yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Abshear as leader. There was a good attendance.

Red Cross Notes.

A number of Red Cross members have inquired if the Red Cross Sewing Circles were doing any work, and we will be glad to announce that the box of unfinished garments left over from last summer has almost been completed. Members of all the different circles have generously come forward and taken the articles home to be made. When these things are turned in, there will only be the bed socks to be made, and Mrs. Nye will get the material and cut them out, when the finished garments are returned. Announcement will be made through these columns in regard to the Red Cross work.

Entertainments.

The Thursday Sewing Club met with Mrs. Charles Richter yesterday afternoon at half after three o'clock, and a delightful meeting ensued. The hostess served a delicious refresh-

ment course to the following: Mesdames A. C. Richter, Charles Moser, Albert Offer, L. Dalches, H. M. Schmidt, Sam Mackin and the hostess.

One of the most attractive affairs of the week was that of yesterday when Mrs. G. R. Weber entertained the members of the Married Ladies Social Club with Mrs. John Church Hawley as the guest of honor. The rooms were fragrant with dainty baskets filled with lavender, pink and white sweet peas mingled with blooming plants were placed in the rooms. The favors of the afternoon were handmade sewing bags of flowered Japanese silk and the honoree was given an exquisite piece of silken lingerie. A two-course luncheon was served at the conclusion of the games to the following: Club members—Mesdames, Austin, Barlow, Brewster, Christen, Cogley, Fish, Garlick, Halsell, Huberich, Lowry, Deutz, Younkis, Woodman, Wager, MacGregor, Guesta—Mesdames Hawley, Martin, Hill, Puster, Buenz, Stone, Woodul of El Paso, A. E. Derby, Davidson.

Miss Theodora Gullette entertained the Girls' Thursday Bridge Club and additional guests with a beautifully appointed party yesterday afternoon. The rooms were most attractively decorated with rose colored poppies, blue larkspur and old-fashioned clove pinks. The scores were marked on dainty tally cards in the form of old-fashioned bouquets tied in pink ribbon. The club prize was won by Mrs. Robert Lee Muller, and the guest prize fell to Miss Elizabeth Merriman, both being dainty pieces of lingerie. The favors were lovely old-fashioned bouquets of clove pinks and blue larkspur in white holders. A delicious ice course was served at the conclusion of the game. Those to enjoy the charming hospitality of the afternoon were: Mesdames Gilbreath and R. L. Muller, Misses Marguerite Nelson, Louise Muller, Alice Denike, club members; the guests were—Misses Maud McKnight, Elizabeth Merriman and Etta Thaison.

ARMY Y. M. C. A. EXTENDS WORK
Laredo Section to Be Connecting Link to Complete the Chain of the Border Work.

It is not presumed that the people of Laredo need any long argument to enlighten them on the question of the usefulness or need of Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers. That is accepted as a settled fact in the mind of all well informed, public spirited people.

The present question is one of method and detail best calculated to obtain the desired end—the wholesome and educative entertainment of the soldier boys who are guarding our border.

Heretofore the work locally was done largely for the Fort McIntosh men until extended to take in Camp Missouri and a few outposts. On the rest of the border the work has been extended from one station so as to connect with that of the next on either side, thus making the work continuous, except as to the Laredo territory.

The proposition now is to fill in this gap, and as the appropriation from the international organization is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses, each locality is asked to help in the noble work by contributing a certain amount to supplement the appropriation. Laredo is asked for the modest sum of \$250.00 per month. This is insignificant when divided among our people, and there is no doubt that if we are behind in the matter of contributing first, we will be at or near the head when it comes to quickly contributing and promptly paying the amount.

A. L. Gamsby and R. C. MacDonald, associate secretaries, met with a number of local men a few days since and organized a soliciting committee to wait on the people, take their subscriptions, receive their contributions and report at the Chamber of Commerce building Thursday, the 26th, at 8 p. m.

The committee reported considerable progress and much encouragement, notwithstanding the fact that most of them had been extremely busy and had devoted very little time to the work. They returned to their task to report again next Tuesday at the same place and hour.

The big hearted, broad minded people of Laredo are expected to give this committee a cordial welcome, and prove their interest in the men that wear the uniform and protect our border, by subscribing liberally to the Y. M. C. A. fund.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.
Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of sprains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of gripe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.

Deah of Mrs. J. M. de Martinez.
Señora Jesusa Molina de Martinez, wife of Jesus R. Martinez, aged 85 years, and who was one of the pioneer residents of Laredo, died at her home at 420 Meadow Avenue, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Besides her husband deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Regina M. de Treviño, of this city. Mrs. Martinez was well known to many of the old-time citizens of Laredo and her death is much deplored by all. The funeral takes place from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The relatives have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

IRISH QUESTION IS IMPORTANT FACTOR
The Arabs tell a story to show how a mean man's philosophy overshoots itself. Under the reign of the first Caliph there was a merchant of Bagdad equally rich and avaricious.

One day he bargained with a porter to carry home with him a basket of porcelain vases for 10 paras. As they went along, he said to the man:

"My friend, you are young and I am old. You can still earn plenty. Strike a para from your hire."

"Willingly," replied the porter. This request was repeated again and again, until, when they reached the house, the porter had only a single para to receive.

As they went upstairs the merchant said, "If you will resign the last para I will give you three pieces of advice."

"Be it so," said the porter.

"Well, then," said the merchant, "if any one tells you it is better to be fasting than feasting, do not believe him. If any one tells you it is better to be poor than rich, do not believe him. If any one tells you it is better to walk than ride in your carriage, do not believe him."

"My dear sir," replied the astonished porter, "I knew these things before. But if you will listen to me I will give you such advice as you never heard before." The merchant turned round, and the porter, throwing the basket down the staircase, said:

"If any one tells you that one of your vases is unbroken, do not believe him."

Nature Cures, The Doctor Takes the Fee.

There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Germans Attacked Ramsgate.

London, April 27.—German destroyers attacked Ramsgate last night but were driven off by British land batteries. One man and one woman were killed and one man and two women injured.

Turks Retreating Further.

London, April 27.—A further marked retreat north of Samara by the Turks in Mesopotamia is reported by General Maude. The Thirtieth Turkish army corps is entrenched in the Jebel Hamrin range between the Tigris and Diala rivers.

Shattered English Nerve.

Berlin, April 27.—"Notwithstanding the sharp censorship, reports have reached us showing how our submarines have shattered the nerve of England and her allies," said Admiral von Capella, minister of the navy committee, during the Reichstag committee meeting.

Germans Failed Again.

London, April 27.—Desperate German efforts to capture the heights on the Arras front won by the British are expected to be resumed because of their great strategic importance. Meantime the German failure to win back the bloodsoaked positions after four days of the bitterest fighting of

Believes Sending Roosevelt to France Would Bring the War to More Speedy End

Administration Measure Meeting with Support of Senators, and

Republican Leader Kahn Cheered When He Defended

the Selective Draft Measure in the House in

the Course of the Debate.

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 27.—Senator Kenyon, debating the war bill today, said he would support it but urged an amendment permitting Roosevelt to fight in France. Nothing would help more to bring the war to a speedy end, he said. Senator Jones supported the bill. In the house Rep. Kinn, Republican, was loudly cheered when he defended the selective draft measure.

SPANNELL'S CHARACTER GOOD.

By Associated Press.

Coleman, Texas, April 27.—Two dozen Waco citizens today testified to Harry Spannells' good character at his trial for killing Colonel Butler. Spannells formerly taught music at Baylor University, Waco.

Possibly Spannells will testify this afternoon.

DUTY OF SCHOOLS IN WAR TIME

Boston, Mass., April 27.—A conference of Massachusetts school superintendents met today at the office of the State commissioner of education in this city to consider the responsibilities of the public schools arising out of the war. President Clarence H. Dempsey of the Massachusetts Teachers' association took the initiative in calling the conference, which it is believed may serve to indicate the best course to be followed by the public educational institutions throughout the country in discharging the responsibilities laid upon them by the war.

"PATRIOTIC" WEDDING FOR THIS COUPLE.

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There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Germans Attacked Ramsgate.

London, April 27.—German destroyers attacked Ramsgate last night but were driven off by British land batteries. One man and one woman were killed and one man and two women injured.

Turks Retreating Further.

London, April 27.—A further marked retreat north of Samara by the Turks in Mesopotamia is reported by General Maude. The Thirtieth Turkish army corps is entrenched in the Jebel Hamrin range between the Tigris and Diala rivers.

Shattered English Nerve.

Berlin, April 27.—"Notwithstanding the sharp censorship, reports have reached us showing how our submarines have shattered the nerve of England and her allies," said Admiral von Capella, minister of the navy committee, during the Reichstag committee meeting.

Germans Failed Again.

London, April 27.—Desperate German efforts to capture the heights on the Arras front won by the British are expected to be resumed because of their great strategic importance. Meantime the German failure to win back the bloodsoaked positions after four days of the bitterest fighting of

BELIEVES SENDING ROOSEVELT TO FRANCE WOULD BRING THE WAR TO MORE SPEEDY END

Administration Measure Meeting with Support of Senators, and Republican Leader Kahn Cheered When He Defended the Selective Draft Measure in the House in the Course of the Debate.

SPANNELL'S CHARACTER GOOD.

By Associated Press.

Coleman, Texas, April 27.—Two dozen Waco citizens today testified to Harry Spannells' good character at his trial for killing Colonel Butler. Spannells formerly taught music at Baylor University, Waco.

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STANDING BY WILSON.

It is reported that when Congresswoman Rankin asked Montana clubs for advice as to her stand on the universal military service bill, she was advised to stand firmly behind the president, even if she had to stand alone.

It is evident from this that the sentiment of the West and Middle West are not so overwhelmingly in favor of peace and opposed to conscription as the pacifists and the Germans would have us believe.

Miss Rankin voted against the declaration of war from sentimental reasons. She was in the right in voting as she thought right. But now when an overwhelming majority of her fellow citizens are in favor of prosecuting the war to the bitter end, and her own constituents declare that she must stand by the president, we may look for a vote based upon practical patriotism from this lone representative of her sex in congress.

A great many of the residents of Montana are Republicans. Miss Rankin was elected by a Republican majority, even though there may have been those of the opposing party who were in favor of her election.

But the present crisis demands that partisan politics be shelved until after the war is over. A recent cartoon in the Saturday Evening Post clearly shows the sentiment of the majority of the people in regard to this question. It represents Uncle Sam guarding the door of the National Defense Council and prohibiting the entrance of "Partisan Politics," who is extremely anxious to get past the doorkeeper.

From all over the country come demands that representatives, no matter on what ticket they were elected, standing by the president and aiding the administration in every way to successfully prosecute the war.

Whatever the decision of congress today, with regard to conscription, it is certain that we shall sooner or later have to resort to the draft to fill our army, and that those who were expected to come forward have not materialized to the extent anticipated.

For Miss Rankin now to hold back on sentimental grounds would be unwise and impractical. Polonius' advice to Laertes, which seems to have been adopted by our president, would not be amiss to all now: "Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but being in, heart't that the opposed may beware of thee."

We are slow to anger. We have heretofore been slow to prepare. But we have always stayed to the end, and we have always won for our side by a middle with credit. With the high state of preparedness, as compared with the past, and the determination to win or die striving, we shall see another victory for the American arms and another successful fight for justice and right against oppression and wrong.

There is little need to ask where the American people stand. The few who are still opposed to carrying the war to a successful conclusion and who have cloaked themselves with the mantle of peace are unable to win any converts, and although their efforts are becoming so frantic as to warrant the suspicion that they are trying to earn their wages, they dare no longer come out in the open and declare that we are wrong in entering the war.

Even the very few who believe that all war is wrong—and Miss Rankin is evidently one of them—can find no excuse for not doing their best in behalf of right and justice. The time is passed when peaceful methods are of avail; we must now "bear ourselves that the opposed may beware of us."

In all our calculations there has not entered the feeling of vengeance, of punishment, of hatred. We are simply determined to help the world rid itself of the one reactionary group of anachronistic persons who feel that they have a divine right to rule, whether wrongly or not, and to prevent any repetition of the foul abuses from which we with others have suffered.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

It is not difficult to reason who is behind the advertisement which appears in a recent issue of the Austin American attacking the free school book plan. The advertisement smells to heaven, and the bait is not even slightly concealed.

The old-time attack on the "open list" publishers is again made so openly and so flagrantly that no one can fail to understand it. The people are informed that once the free school book is adopted by the people of Texas the "publishers who are now shut out will have an opportunity" to put their books on the market.

There is something so fiendishly ingenious about this attack on the free school book system, that every person interested in the matter of public education should give attention to it.

In the first place, the textbook uniformity does not depend upon the children who buy the books or the dealers who sell them, but upon the laws which define what those books shall be.

In the second place, the mere purchase by the state of free school books for children of the state does not necessarily mean any change in books which have been selected.

In the third place, the people who are now selling the books to the children do not want to have that little business monopoly taken away from them by the sale direct from the publishers to the state and from the state to the district school board. They realize that while there has not been much profit in the sale of school books, it has brought to them a lot of school trade in the way of stationery and other things which both pupils and teachers need, and they do not want the state to go into the school book business.

In every state in the Union where free school books are furnished by the state the textbooks are uniform, and a pupil going from one town to another does not have to change textbooks. Besides, the children in Texas, for whom the writer of the advertisement in question seems to feel so deeply, would find little difficulty in accommodating themselves to the change in books, even were the state to be so short-sighted as to open the lists, while it would cost them nothing were the state to furnish the books.

In the first place, the principles of school book uniformity were not, as the misleading advertisement says, "engrafted (good word, that) on the statute books of this State by constructive legislators for the purpose of insuring the children of Texas the best books at the lowest possible cost." That end would have been best attained by competition, for it cannot be said that when you stifle competition you secure the lowest possible prices.

The uniform textbook law was adopted for the purpose of having the text books the same in all the public schools of Texas, no matter what the cost. Of course it was desired to make the cost as low as possible, but it was not intended to accept an inferior book because it was cheaper.

The recent agitation to force the printing of all Texas text books in the state will soon lead to a demand that all text books used in Texas must be the product of the brain of Texas authors, so that if we happen to have some geographer who still believes that the world is flat and some scientist who still follows the system of Tycho Brahe we shall have Texas text books that will astonish, if not enlighten, the world.

The question of a text book for the children of Texas should not be decided by its cheapness, no matter what the advertiser in the Austin American seems to think. The big publisher, who seems to be the bugaboo of the advertiser, has usually put more real worth into his books than all the little publishers put together. And the best educational element of the state should be selected to choose the textbooks, not a committee which bases its decision upon the saving of half a cent a copy on some text book which other states have rejected.

As to differing opinions, how about the following? Senator Kenyon thinks that sending Roosevelt to France would do more to bring the war to a speedy end than anything else, while Premier Lloyd George believes that the settlement of the Irish question is essential to speedy victory. Why not send Teddy to Ireland and settle the whole blooming thing at once?

The Texas senate is not so busy that it cannot be patriotic. The other day it settled the question of singing patriotic songs in our public schools, and now it orders the president's war message read to the unfortunate children. As the message occupies several columns, it is perhaps well that the schools are closing soon.

It is announced that steps have been taken to prevent even suspicion of graft by army officers in disbursing the three billion war fund. The army officers will be deeply gratified, no doubt, at this tribute to their integrity.

The German naval minister says he has word that "our submarines have shattered the nerve of England and her allies." Good Lord! Is Vireck still sending reports to Germany? And is there no Balm in Gilead?

AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.

President-elect Carranza Takes Hold of the Reins of Government Next Tuesday and—More Anon.

President-elect Venustiano Carranza will be inducted into office as the chief executive of Mexico next Tuesday—or rather he will take hold of the reins of government under the title of president.

According to reports from Mexico the "new president" is planning a big "house cleaning" and a general shake-up—and this latter performance causes the interest that is focused on the outcome. Funny things are precipitated in Mexico overnight, and when the new president assumes control in the capacity to which he has been elected some thrills may follow. Maybe (?) everything will pass off smoothly and in mechanical order.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$\$\$

APPLY PROHIBITIVE RATES BY DOUBLING IMPORT DUTY

NEW ORDER ISSUED BY MEXICAN POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Effort to Relieve Congestion Caused by Heavy Mail Shipments and Divert Business to Other Sources.

Official advices received yesterday by Postmaster J. N. Worsham from the Mexico postoffice department were to the effect that immediately an order goes into effect whereby the prevailing import duty rates on all parcels post matter entering from the United States would be doubled. This applies to all packages shipped by the parcels post route via the United States postoffice, and although the same rates of postage as heretofore charged will be maintained, the import duties would be doubled by the customs department of Mexico on recommendation of the postoffice department of that country and the same would be collectable at the destination of all parcels.

The reason assigned for the doubling of the import duties, and making the parcels post duty rates practically prohibitive, was for the purpose of endeavoring to divert the bulk of the shipment of merchandise in small packages to the express and freight routes instead of providing a congestion in the postoffice. Supplementing the order issued by the Mexican postal authorities doubling the parcels post import rates the statement is made that at this time a veritable congestion of mail matter exists in the Mexico City postoffice as a result of the heavy shipments of parcels post packages through the mails, and there are now more than 20,000 packages accumulated in that office, and the insufficient clerical force employed therein is unable to dispatch the business with the celerity that should otherwise result.

The diverting of the shipments of merchandise which have been coming through the United States mail and making it a burdensome task for the postal employees on this side will afford a great relief, and at the same time the express and railway companies will encounter a big increase in business in that regard should the suggested change intended by the application of prohibitive import duties avail its purpose.

Red Cross Notice.

A special meeting of the Red Cross will be held at Elks Hall at 8 o'clock Monday evening. All members are urgently requested to be present, as well as all who would like to become members and those who are interested in the Red Cross work.

DR. H. M. AUSTIN, Chairman. 4-27-31.

JUDGES EXCHANGE COURTS.

Judge Mullally Will Hold Court in Hebronville While Judge Taylor Sits Here.

Judge J. F. Mullally having disqualified in a number of civil cases on the docket in the district court, Governor Ferguson has appointed Judge V. W. Taylor of the 79th district to try such cases, so Judge Mullally and Judge Taylor will exchange places from May 7th to 19th inclusive; Judge Mullally presiding in the court at Hebronville, Jim Hogg county. The cases in which Judge Mullally disqualified and which are to be tried before Judge Taylor are the following:

No. 1980 Thos. O'Connor vs. Dario Sanchez et al.; No. 1981 Espridion Flores vs. A. M. Bruni; No. 2011 T. H. Poole vs. Espridion Flores; No. 2086 Board of School Trustees vs. Policarpo Medellin; No. 2258 Milmo National Bank vs. G. T. Potter; No. 2795 Tomas Mendirichaga vs. Maria B. de Sanchez et al.; No. 2811 State vs. J. M. Rodriguez et al.; No. 3763 Justa Vda. de Bruni et al. vs. A. Sanchez et al.; No. 3931 Derby Lumber Co. vs. C. Farias; No. 3975 M. A. Hirsch vs. J. P. Leyendecker; No. 2666 Albert Urbahn vs. E. S. Vidaurri et al.

NOTICE.

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the Provision of the Revised Statutes, Title 102, relating to partnership, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted, is F. Cerda; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is the buying and selling of drugs, soda water, toilet articles and such other merchandise as is usually carried on by a Drug Store and Pharmacy, and the same will be transacted in the city of Laredo; that the name of the general partner of the said firm is Francisco Cerda of Laredo, Webb County, State of Texas, and the special partner is Maria C. Vda. de Caballero, (feme sole), of Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Republic of Mexico; that the capital contributed by the said Maria C. Vda. de Caballero, is Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in cash; that the period at which said partnership is to commence is the first day of May, A. D. 1917, and that it will terminate on the first day of May, A. D. 1922.

FRANCISCO CERDA.

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GROWERS DISCOURAGE USE OF BOX CARS IN ONION SHIPMENTS

THEY REPORT BOX CAR SHIPMENTS UNSATISFACTORY.

Growers Insist Sales Agents Shall Not Quote Their Yellows Below \$1.50 and Wax \$1.60.

A movement is spreading over the entire onion growing district to stop loading box cars and to use only ventilators and refrigerators. The growers and shippers are afraid of the box cars and it is believed that many of the growers will refuse to load anything but refrigerators and ventilators.

Mr. J. M. Ball of the I. & G. N. Ry., at the meeting of growers and shippers last night at the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, stated that he has received advices from the A. R. T. Company that fully 75 ventilators and refrigerators will be available each day for the distribution of the onion crop in Texas. The use of these cars and the exclusion of box cars would also relieve the heavy shipping, which has a demoralizing effect upon prices.

The committee of growers consisting of George W. Derby, chairman, I. Alexander, Colon Schott and Ambrose Johnson has insisted that the minimum quotations on yellows today be \$1.50 and that a minimum of \$1.60 be asked for wax. The growers have so instructed their sales agents and with the prospect of light shipments the markets will doubtless rise within a few days, if the shipments are reasonably curtailed.

A wire was received yesterday by Peppers and Brown to the effect that onions shipped in box cars would sell for fifteen cents less per crate than onions in ventilators or refrigerators and this information has made the growers and shippers skeptical about the use of box cars. There will be another meeting tonight at the Laredo Chamber of Commerce at eight o'clock.

Prof. F. W. Mally is now holding meetings in the upper counties. Yesterday he addressed a meeting of 75 growers at Asherton and today he is in Crystal City. He is advising of the action that has been taken here and the necessity for co-operation. Two-thirds of the Laredo crop or more has been shipped and there is no occasion for a panic among the growers, as the shortage of cars will tend to reduce shipping and especially with the growth of the movement to refuse box cars.

Owing to the shortage of refrigerator and ventilator cars and unsatisfactory prices, a number of growers have placed cars in storage.

LEONARD BURKE MILLER DIES.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller Succumbed Yesterday Afternoon Following Operation.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller have the sincere sympathy of many friends in the bereavement which befall them yesterday when they were bereft of their 12-year-old son, Leonard Burke Miller, who passed away at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Mercy Hospital following an illness from intestinal complications.

At noon yesterday he had undergone an operation in the hopes that this, as a last resort, might spare him, but only a temporary rally resulted and late in the afternoon he closed his eyes in eternal slumber. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the home of T. F. Feely, 813 Victoria street, with interment in the city cemetery.

SEVENTY-FIVE CARS OF ONIONS.

With the Shipments That Will Leave Here Tonight the Fifteen Hundred Carload Mark Will be Passed.

Seventy-five carloads of Bermuda onions, moved in four special trainloads, rolled out of Laredo last night for markets in this and other states and as far north as Manitoba, Montreal and other places. This brings the total shipments to date up to 1,495 carloads.

With the shipments that will roll out of here tonight (and it is absolutely certain that there will be more than five carloads) the aggregate shipments so far will exceed fifteen hundred carloads. It is estimated by those in a position to know that at least one thousand carloads of onions remain to be shipped out of this section and that the total shipments of the season will reach the 2,500-car mark.

GRAND JURY IS RECESSING.

Adjourned Yesterday Afternoon Until Monday Morning After Returning Total of 34 Indictments.

The grand jury in district court, which was convened on Monday morning, is not in session today, having recessed yesterday afternoon until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Up to Friday morning the grand jury had returned a total of thirty-four bills of indictment, and next week they will investigate other matters to be called to their attention by District Attorney Valls.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

LITTLE LOCALS

—A slight wreck occurred on the Texas-Mexican near San Diego on Thursday, when nine freight cars were derailed, two of the cars turning over, two others going into the gutter and five derailed. Nobody was hurt and traffic was obstructed only a short time. The wreck occurred near mile post No. 108.

—The Thirty-seventh Infantry team will cross bats with a baseball team composed of the Laredos and Nationals at Caliche Park tomorrow afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Both teams will have their best talent in the game and the contest should prove an interesting one from start to finish.

—The Mayday Fete will take place at School Plaza next Tuesday afternoon, beginning with the baby parade and then following the crowning of the May Queen, the Maypole dances, songs, etc.

—Special for Sunday: Fresh strawberry ice cream. Consumers' Ice and Fuel Co.

—While the clouded firmament threatened rain throughout yesterday afternoon, many braved the elements and pursued the even tenor of their ways, with the result that when the unheralded shower came about 4 o'clock it caught a number on the streets unprepared and they were given a slight soaking. But it really felt good to get "soaked" in this manner.

—The home gardening propaganda has gained impetus throughout the state since everything in the food supply line is soaring high, and the present rates are small compared to the food prices that will prevail later. Plant a little vegetable patch on your spare land, in the back yard, the adjoining lot or anywhere and raise a crop of vegetables for your family.

—Several Laredo young men are aspirants for commissions in the reserve corps of the army and are planning to attend the training camp at Leon Springs. It is also reported that some will enter the army as privates. At the present rate that young men are seeking commissions there will be lots of officers, but few "privates in the rear rank."

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—The recruiting station at Fort McIntosh is open for those who care to enlist. Don't every one apply for a commission, for remember, privates needed in the army. It would be pice to make all officers, but such is impossible at this time.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-1f.

RECRUITS ARRIVING HERE REPRESENT ALL CLASSES YOUNG MEN FROM THE LARGER CITIES IN THE SERVICE.

Recruits Who Are Arriving Come From All Sections of the Country and Will Serve in the Ranks.

The force of military in Laredo is gradually on the increase and the soldier boy—the man in uniform who stands ready to go to the firing line to defend his country and flag—is now the man of the hour, and with the regulars are aligned many young men who have quit lucrative positions in distant cities to enlist and respond to the call of the nation in the crisis that confronts it through the trouble with Germany.

Among the large number of recruits who have arrived here within the past few days are many young men who have abandoned home ties, the loved ones and in many instances, god positions to enlist in the army. Men of refinement and highly educated, as well as men of the mediocre stages of life and earning their living by the sweat of their brow, in fact all classes of American young men are to be found among the "recruits" who are being sent out to all parts of the country now to augment the armed forces of Uncle Sam preparing for the time when actual service may come.

Like in the national guard of the various states, the boys in uniform today do not necessarily represent the trained military men of the country, but they are fast being brought up to the standard and within a short time, through constant drilling and hard work in camp, will soon become efficient soldiers. In fact the young men who have arrived here represent those who have gone into the ranks to fight and win commissions instead of seeking commissions in advance.

APPRECIATE GOOD PICTURES.

To The Times: As a proof of the fact that good, clean pictures are appreciated by children and by the parents and teachers of children, the large attendance at both matinee and evening performances of "Such a Little Queen," speaks eloquently. Fifty-two children accompanied by six chaperones attended in a body. Smaller crowds were equally as enthusiastic.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

The Busy Bees will meet with Miss Josephine Brewster at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Entre Nous Club will meet with Miss Ruth Simpson at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Boy Scouts will hold their regular meeting at seven o'clock in the evening.

Miss Eva Austin will entertain the Girls' Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon, honoring Miss Woodruff, of New Haven, Conn.

Miriam Chapter No. 86, O. E. S. will hold its annual memorial service in Masonic Hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Masons, Masons' families, their friends and all interested are cordially invited.

Sunday.

The Junior League of the Methodist church will hold its regular weekly meeting in the Sunday School rooms adjoining the church at three o'clock in the afternoon with Mr. Fred Miller as conductor.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Baptist church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church will hold its regular weekly meeting at the church at a quarter of seven o'clock in the evening.

The Epworth League will meet in the Sunday school rooms of the Methodist church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Christian church will hold their regular weekly meeting at the church at seven o'clock in the evening.

Monday.

Mrs. E. J. Foster will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Henry Borchers at four o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be a special meeting of the Red Cross at Elks' Hall at eight o'clock in the evening. All members are urgently requested to be present.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. Written names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Address all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times or phone No. 70 between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 2 to 7 p. m.

The War is On?

What's all this we now see and hear. Of plotting kings both far and near. 'Mid buzzing 'planes and cannon roar. Would seek to cross our southern "shore."

But when the foe attacks our coast. We'll meet him with a fighting host; The patient dove of peace has flown; The call's gone forth, "The war is on!"

To arms! To arms! ye Texans; To arms! To arms! Americans; Avenge the crimes the stranger brings. Beat back the hordes of foreign kings.

But hark! That sound! What can it be? A khaki line of infantry; An unfurled banner waves, you see, The emblem of honor and dignity.

With cheering songs and battle cry, That line goes on to fight and die, That the star spangled banner may ever wave

"O'er the land of the free and home of the brave!"

—White Cloud in Farm and Ranch.

General Mention.

Mrs. J. O. Buenz and sons returned home yesterday from a pleasant visit in San Antonio.

Rev. and Mrs. Gammenthaler and children motored from San Antonio, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Buenz. Mrs. Gammenthaler will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Anna Buenz, she has a host of friends in the city who will be glad to know of her arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vidaurri have taken apartments at 612 Victoria Street.

Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl has returned from San Antonio, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Gillet.

Word has been received from the

PERSONALS

D. D. Davis of Dolores arrived in the city yesterday.

County Attorney J. V. Benavides left last night for Washington, D. C., on a pleasure trip.

BENDER:—A. B. Harbour, San Antonio; E. F. Rankin, Houston; W. Rothchild, Louisville; H. J. Wright, Wm. M. Landrum, San Antonio; J. E. Roach, Boston, Mass.; Geo. S. Collier, H. D. Pimmicks, L. M. Bowden, San Antonio; J. J. Burdin, St. Martinville, La.; C. Valler, Arthur L. Moore, San Antonio; E. F. Sada, Monterey; C. A. Lloyd and wife, Mexico; R. L. Goodman, Dallas; R. R. Williams, Piedwell, R. I.; W. S. McCrow, Catrazo Springs.

Laredo Boy Scouts who are attending the training school at Corpus Christi that they are well pleased, and are kept "busy." Murrah Cullinan is one of the Laredo Scouts. He is studying wireless and signaling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Young returned this morning from Marlin, Texas.

Captain Mooreman of the Thirty-seventh Infantry has received orders to proceed to Presidio, California. He will be attached to the Quartermaster's Department. Mrs. Mooreman and son will join Captain Mooreman later.

Mrs. Albino Sosa and daughter, Miss Concepcion, of Monterey arrived this morning on a visit to relatives and is a guest at the home of Mr. Jesus Herrera.

Announcements.

Little Miss Blanca Lilla Casso, May Queen, will entertain her court with a box party at the movies at three o'clock this afternoon, followed by a refreshment course at the Candy Kitchen.

The Childs' Welfare League will meet at Elks' Hall Saturday, May 5th, at four o'clock in the afternoon. A full attendance is urged.

All those who will take part in the Baby Parade will please meet at Mrs. J. J. Haynes's residence at five o'clock sharp on Tuesday afternoon.

Entertainments.

Mrs. G. R. Weber entertained the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club yesterday afternoon with a charmingly appointed party at the home of Mrs. J. S. Westbrook, in honor of Mrs. John Church Hawley. The rooms were most attractively arranged. The floral decoration were vari-colored sweet peas and ferns, which were placed everywhere about the rooms. Each guest received a dainty fan and a corsage bouquet of sweet peas, tied with a tulle bow. A delightful two-course luncheon was served to the following, club members: Mesdames E. H. Buenz, Barlow, Foster, Hamilton, Cluck, Shiner, Garlick, Vidaurri, Martin and Muller. The guests of the afternoon were: Mesdames Younklin, Fish, Penn, Brennan, Christen, Morton, Westbrook, and the honor guest, Mrs. Hawley.

The freshmen class of the Laredo High School entertained last evening with a delightful party at the Latin American Club, honoring the senior class of the High School. The parlor and ball room were most attractively arranged for the occasion, the class colors of white and purple being in all the decorations. The parlor was festooned with ropes of white and purple crepe paper, caught from the corners of the room to the chandeliers, and pennants with L. H. S. ornamented the four walls. Easter lilies, ferns and pink carnations were also used, and added much to the attractiveness of the whole. Tables were placed here and a number of games of Bunco were played; other games were also indulged in. The ball room was very prettily decorated in white and purple streamers, extending from the corners of the rooms to the chandeliers. Programs marking sixteen straight dances and four extras, bearing the letters F and S. D. were used. The Strand orchestra furnished a program of popular dance music. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening. The hosts and hostesses of the evening were: Misses Joe Gray, Elia Quintanilla, Eloisa Flores, Olivia Schultz, Laura Taylor, Eva Scratchley, Olive Chamberlain, Genevieve Sharkey, Margaret Claflin, Margaret Sturdevant, Virginia Penn, Luisa Marulanda, Inocente Benavides, Alma Johnson, Asuncion Diaz, Violet Oberfeldt, Concha Chacon; Masters James Richter, Valentine Puig, Baldomero Chacon, John Maher, Jack King, Aurelio Montemayor, Earnest Heaner, Clark Hopkins, Shelby and Louis Cotulla, Solomon Lozano. About seventy-five guests were present.

Nature Cures. The Doctor Takes the Fee. There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.